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General and Revenue Secretariat.

Serial Nos. two

Part B for November 1928

SUBJECT

Shortage of Stamps of the Value of Rs 3552-14-0 in the Mysore District Treasury

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R 3921-5 & 10.11.1928.

To
The Revenue Commissioner
The D.C. Mysore Dt.
The Comptroller
The Stamps Commr.
The Chief Engineer

Allocates the responsibility of the Revenue officers in regard to the shortage of Stamps in the Mysore Dt Trsy

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I submit for perusal the report received from the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, regarding the shortage in stamps of the aggregate value of Rs.3,552-14-0 in the District Treasury, Mysore. The explanation of the District Treasurer and of the permanent Treasury Officer Mr. D. Krishna Urs reveals a gross derelection of duty in the observance of the rules prescribed for the custody, supply and sale of stamps and their periodical inspection. (Vide App. 32 of the Mysore Account Code Vol. II)

According to the Rules, the double lock transaction in stamps whether putting in or taking out should be under the personal supervision of the Treasury Officer.

"Sales to the public or to license vendors shall not be made direct from stores under double lock. Such sales will be made by the Treasurer as ex-officio vendor from the supply entrusted to him for the purpose to be kept by him under single lock. (Vide Rule 18)

It appears to have been the practice/to ~~direct~~ in this Treasury permit the Treasurer himself to directly supervise the issue of stamps from double locks. This was highly irregular. The Treasury Officer has permitted such an arrangement at his own risk.

Vide Rule 30.

The rules require that on the last day of each month the officer in charge should count or have counted

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DEWAN'S OFFICE
Received on
4 MAY 1928
No. 6907

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In all such cases, the onus should be made personals
Mrs Concerned should be responsible
for the loss & they should be compelled
to make it good to Govt.
No further report of the D.C. may
be awaited.

Mrs
2-5-28

Asst Member)

MLL 4/5

12c 6/5

From the Revenue in Mysore
No CC 73/27-28 dt 3/5/28
States that the Mysore Revenue Reports that
the matter has since been Referred to the
Police on a formal Complaint by the
Treasury Officer
I Note
MM 8/5/28

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There is no loss to Govt as already made good.
A in the Secretariat note has to be attended to. The question whether disciplinary action needs further

Asst Secy has MLL 10/5.

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Draft Submd

MLL 11/5

CSR. 17/5/28

CSR 18/5/28

Issue & submit to the Secy for perusal
MLL 21/5

CHIEF SECRETARY, 18 MAY 1928

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the ~~District~~ Treasurer

Submitted for orders

SECRETARIAT
JUNE 1928

18077/18/6

cgh 13/6/28

May be sent to Re for report in continuation of previous letter.

Re 3957.
D 21/6/28

OFFICE OF THE SECOND MEMBER OF COUNCIL
23 JUNE 1928
No. 12468

Second Member thinks nee 16/6

Agd. for the Mean put up the Comptr's letter regarding the action proposed by the Treasurer. 20/6.

Draft ordered
cgh 5/7/28

Issue nee 5/7

CHIEF SECRETARY.
5 JULY 1928

To the D.C. Mysore
No 49 d. 5.7.28.
Forwards the petition for report.

From the I.G. of Police
No C. 3867 d. 9.7.28
Forwards a copy of the A.S.P's Diary in connection with the ~~case~~ case

Comptroller's letter is put up in the linked file

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VM 21/6

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From the Dy. Comr. Mysore
C.C.50 d. 4. 8. 1928

Forwards a copy of his rept. to the Rev. Comr. re: Shortage of stamps in the Mysore Dist Treasury.

Perhaps the Revenue Comr. is sending up the original, with his remarks.

~~The report does not seem to deal with all the points~~

As regards responsibility, the Treasury Officer (Mr. D. Krishna Urs) says "that all that was possible under the existing circumstances was being done" and enumerates the defects under the existing arrangements and ~~suggested~~ remedial measures that may be adopted

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CHIEF SECRETARY.
7 AUG. 1928

Submd.
CJB
7/8/28

Rs' report may be
Remarks
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Re Shortage of Stamps in Mysore Dr. Treasury

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From the Rev. Comr

No. C. 118 d. 20-8-1928

Forwards with his remarks the explanations of the Officers responsible for shortage of Stamps in Mysore Dr. Treasury.

Gollar Boriah, the real culprit, is dead. Under the system long in vogue ~~and the place of the Strong [illegible]~~, the issue of stamps from double stocks was, admittedly being attended to by the Treasurer (though this is not in conformity with codal rules). The main contributory cause is stated to be the Treasurer's trusting the Gollar too much.

The Rev. Comr. ~~does not accept~~ is not fully satisfied with the explanation of the District Treasury Officer (Mr. Krishna Urs) that under the system in vogue he had done all he could, and ~~so~~ is of opinion that a portion of the ~~sta~~ loss should be recovered from the Officer as it was his duty to follow standing orders strictly.

The total amount of shortage is Rs. 3552-14-0. The Rev. Comr. recommends two alternatives :—

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CHIEF SECRETARY. 5 SEP. 1928 P.U.D. I

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PUD II

PUD IV

PUD III

The final report of the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore, in reply to the Government communication of 23rd May 1928 and the remarks and suggestions of the Revenue Commissioner, the Commissioner of Stamps and the Comptroller in the matter of the stamp defalcation have been received.

The shortage has occurred in stamps of very low value viz., Receipt Stamps, Postal Cards and Envelopes and One Anna Stamp Booklets and Copying Sheets. Large quantities of each of these kinds were found missing on the date of examination. As the Police Investigation shows, the theft of articles from the Treasury Chamber should have gone on systematically for a good length of time and the stamp papers should have been removed bit by bits without raising suspicion There is no evidence to show when the fraud actual commenced. It is reported that the District Treasury was inspected by an officer of the Accoun Department on 12th August 1926. There has -- apparently been no thorough inspection of the entire stock of stamps since. Gollar Boriah who is suspected to have been the real culprit began

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and control of stamp work in future.

As regards the first ~~point~~ given him, the District Treasury Officer, Mr. Krishne Urs, in one of his explanations, states that "the loss was due not so much to lack of supervision as to the plans of the Strong Room and the procedure in vogue in this Treasury", of issue of stamps to vendors and Post Offices direct from the main store.

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The Deputy Commissioner agrees with the District Treasury Officer. This explanation cannot be accepted as satisfactory. The Comptroller observes (quite rightly) that "the defalcation has been rendered possible not by any defect of the existing rules, but by non-adherence to the prescribed rules of check and responsibility and the defective arrangememts (for storage and issue of stamps) in the Treasury Chamber. A similar view is held by the Commissioner ~~xx~~ of Stamps and the Revenue Commissioner.

Para 13 of PUD III

Para 3 of PUD IV.
PUD II

The important provisions in the Code which have been transgressed in this Treasury have been fully explained in the Comptroller's letter of 25th August 1928. The conclusion is irresistable that lack of supervision and check required to be exercised by the Treasury Officer coupled with the negligence of the District Treasurer, has afforded scope for the defalcation.

PUD III

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Under the Code, the Deputy Commissioner is responsible to Government for the safe custody of stamps as well as cash etc in the Treasury and

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of stamps from the main store; and secondly, omission to examine in detail, the stock of stamps at least once a month when furnishing the verification certificate.

R.I 7 As regards the first point, his explanation is that he followed the procedure in vogue in the Mysore District Treasury as it was not possible for him to supervise personally the issue of stamps to vendors. He has also

R.II 8 stated that the defective arrangements for the storage of stamps in the Treasury Chamber has afforded scope for ~~permitted~~ the pilfering. There is no evidence to show that the Treasury Officer was authorised by competent authority to entrust to the Treasurer the issue of stamps to the vendors or Post Offices direct from the Main Store. Under the rules, the main store is in charge of the Treasury Officer. He should invariably be present when stamps are put in or taken out from it. The

(collection placed below) M 162 9 Assistant Comptroller who inspected the District Treasury in August 1926 ~~has~~ recorded as follows:-

Question No. 67.	Answer.
Does the Treasury Officer state that he is invariably present when the double lock Stamp Almirah is opened?	"Not invariably. When he is busy, the Treasurer himself issues the stamps."

The Treasury Officer has evidently relied on the Treasurer too much and as the Revenue Commissioner observes, the Treasury Officer has no excuse if things have gone wrong by such unauthorised -- action.

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permitted to hold in his sole custody, an aggregate amount of cash and stamps etc., larger than the security given by him. When he is himself entrusted with the issue of stamps from the main store, his responsibility is all the greater for the correctness of the balance in stock. The contention urged in his behalf that the entire responsibility for the loss should be thrown on the Treasury Officer cannot at all be accepted. The only extenuating circumstances in his favour are: firstly, that there is nothin to show that he has in any way connived at the pilfering or has been in any way benefitted by it and secondly, that it is not possible to locate the exact time or period when the fraud commenced. In the circumstances brought to light it is difficult to say that the thefts occurred only on occasions when the Treasurer was asked to supervise the issue of stamps from the main store. It is perfectly reasonable to hold that the loss should be made good by all the officers responsible. (Vide also Dewan's minute dated 2nd May 1928.)

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Para 5 in PUD II

54 The Revenue Commissioner suggests that two-thirds or one half of the amount defalcated may be recovered from the Treasurer, that one-sixth or a little less may be recovered from the Treasury Officer and that the balance may be remitted.

55 I do not think there is the slightest justification for remitting any portion of the

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inspections at the time of taking over charge. This may be approved.

60 The correct procedure of issue of stamps to the public from the Treasurer's Single-lock store has now been introduced in the Mysore District Treasury. As suggested by the Comptroller, the stock of stamps to be left in the sole custody of the Treasurer may be reduced from one month's requirements to one week's consumption. This arrangement is provided for in rule 44 of the Stamp Rules;

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61 The existing Stamp Rules do not specifically state that the key of one set of double locks of the almirahs containing the main store should be kept in the possession of the Treasurer in the same way as in respect of the Cash under double lock. Rule 42 may be amended so as to conform to the corresponding rule in Madras.

62 In the list of questions for Treasury Inspection, question No. 81 reads as follows:-

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"What is the stock under the Treasury Officer's charge?"

This is misleading and may be replaced by the following:-

"What is the stock under Double-locks?"

Arrangement should be made for keeping all stamps in almirahs with double locks as early as possible.

63 There is one other point referred to by the Comptroller in para 9 of his letter. The

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work of issuing postage stamps to the Post Office is stated to have since been transferred from the District Treasury to the Mysore Taluk Treasury under the orders of the Deputy Commissioner apparently to relieve pressure of work in the District Treasury. The Comptroller considers that this is not a desirable arrangement as the transactions of Headquarter Taluk Treasuries should be kept at a minimum and they should not be allowed to have a large stock of cash and stamps. There is some force in this observation especially in view of the occurrence of serious irregularities discovered in the Mysore Taluk Treasury. The Revenue Commissioner's opinion may be invited on this point and necessary further action may be taken on receipt of his reply.

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The Mysore Dt. Treasury Chamber may also be got examined by a P.W.D. officer with a view to necessary improvements if any being suggested. A special reference may be made to the Chief Engineer. S. G. 27

Chief Secretary with compliments.

The question of the responsibility of Mr. several officers may be considered in Council

The other suggestions of the Dewan may be adopted

Second Member 28/9 13/9

Dewan 28/9. 29.9.28

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(For Disposal at a Meeting)

No. C. 122

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Council Matter.

SUBJECT

(clause XXVII of the schedule)

Allocation of the responsibility of the several officers in regard to the shortage of stamps of the value of Rs.3,552-14-0 in the Mysore District Treasury.

CIRCULATED TO THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.

By Order,

Chief Secretary to Government.

29th September 1928.

First Member of Council. (Seen.) 71

Second Member of Council. (Seen.) 72

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Extract from the Proceedings of the 829th *Meeting of the Council of His Highness the Maharaja, held at Bangalore on the* 3rd October 1928. *19*

29. Subject. - Clause v of the schedule.

Allocation of responsibility of the several officers in regard to the shortage of stamps of the value of -- Rs.3,552-14-0 in the Mysore District Treasury.

OPINION OF THE COUNCIL.

One sixth of the amount may be recovered from the District Treasury Officer,(Mr.D.Krishne Urs) and the balance from the Treasurer.

The Deputy Commissioner (Mr. Ramanathan) may be told that he should not have left to subordinates the detailed verification of the stock of stamps during his half yearly inspections.

A circular may be addressed to all Deputy Commissioners drawing attention to their responsibilities in regard to the treasuries in their charge.

(Signed) Mirza M. Ismail,

Dewan of Mysore.

Note. - The Deputy Commissioner & Superintending Engineer to examine the adequacy of the present arrangements regarding storage of coin, stamps, etc. in District Treasuries.

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For favour of final Note,

Second Member
Thro' Finl Secy.

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"EXTRACT"

Chief Secretary to Government.

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Final note signed by the Member is placed below

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No. 1887

14.10.28

S. N. Submitted.

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to examine in detail the stock of stamps at least once a month when furnishing the verification certificate and whose explanation was obtained by the Deputy Commissioner, states that the loss was due not so much to lack of supervision as to the plans of the Strong Room and the procedure in vogue in the Treasury of issue of stamps to Vendors and Post Offices direct from the main Store.

The Revenue Commissioner suggests that two-thirds or one-half of the amount defalcated may be recovered from the Treasurer, one-sixth or a little less may be recovered from the Treasury Officer and the balance remitted.

The Financial Secretary is of opinion that the explanation of the Treasury Officer cannot be accepted as satisfactory and that the defalcation has been rendered possible not by any defect of the existing rules, but by non-adherence to the prescribed rules of check and responsibility and the defective arrangements (for storage and issue of stamps) in the Treasury Chamber and considers that the lack of supervision and check required by the Treasury Officer coupled with the negligence of the District Treasurer has afforded scope for the defalcation, and that there is not the slightest justification for remitting any portion of the deficit in stock as suggested by the Revenue Commissioner. He has also made certain suggestions for obviating certain minor defects in the Treasury procedure.

The question of the liability of the several officers in the matter was discussed in Council on the 3rd October 1928, when the following resolution was recorded:-

"One-sixth of the amount may be recovered from the District Treasury Officer, (Mr. D. Krishne Urs), and the balance from the Treasurer.

The Deputy Commissioner, (Mr. Ramanathan), may be told that he should not have left to subordinates the detailed verification of the stock of stamps during his half-yearly inspections.

Submitted to His Highness.

I submit herewith a Final Note by the Second

Member of Council on the subject of Allocation of responsibility of the several officers in regard to the shortage of stamps of the value of Rs. 3,552-14-0 in the Mysore District Treasury,

for His Highness' gracious approval.

Mirza M. Ismail
Dewan.
16-10-28

Record of Cases submitted for the Orders of His Highness the Maharaja.

Subject.

Allocation of responsibility of the several officers in regard to the shortage of stamps of the value of Rs.3,552-14-0 in the Mysore District Treasury.

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General and Revenue Secretariat

SUBJECT

Allocation of responsibility of the several officers in regard to the shortage of Stamps of the value of Rs 3552-14-0 in the Mysore District Treasury.

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31. All urgent or confidential files returned with His Highness' orders may, in the absence of instructions or indications to the contrary, be ordinarily circulated to the Members of Council for perusal after the issue of orders.

33. The Secretaries concerned should see that orders in the cases referred to above are issued at once and that the files are returned immediately after to the Chief Secretary for circulation to the Members.

34. In all other cases, the files will first be circulated to the Members of Council at headquarters and then to the Secretariat concerned for the issue of orders.

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Circulated to Members of Council for perusal of His Highness' orders before/after issue of orders. (*Vide* Rules 31, 33 and 34 of the Subsidiary Rules for the conduct of business of Council in the Manual of Council Rules and Procedure.)

By Order,

Chief Secretary to Government.

Through the Secretary to Government,

.....Department,

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FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL. 30.10.28

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SECOND MEMBER OF COUNCIL.

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THIRD MEMBER OF COUNCIL. 29/10

Financial Secy. with compts

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directs that one sixth of the defalcated amount should be recovered from officers Revenue officer (Mr. D. Rice) the branch and the Treasurer (Mr. C. R. Cowper) a circular drawing attention to the D of responsibility in regard to the checking in their respective branches. calls for a report from the Treasurer & the Deputy Inspector on the action taken regarding the

Finally closed as directed in Sec's note in previous folio. Order taken in file. Finally closed

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Office of the Deputy Commissioner,
Mysore District.

Dated Mysore, ...25th April 1928....

From

A.V. Ramanathan, Esq., B.A.,

Deputy Commissioner, Mysore Distric

To

P.G. D'Souza, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, Bangalore.

SUBJECT:— Shortage of Receipt Stamps, Copying papers, Postal Cards, etc, in the District Treasury, Mysore.

Sir,

I have the honour to state that on arrival at Handya Camp at 11-30 A.M. today from Hulikere, I received a report from my Personal Assistant Mr. P.H. Krishna Rao, who was temporarily in charge of the District Treasury yesterday owing to the absence of Mr. Krishne Urs on casual leave, that a shortage in Receipt Stamps, Copying papers, and Postal Cards etc, to the aggregate value of Rs. 3,552-14-0 was found yesterday on counting the entire stock in the District Treasury. The stock in General and Court-fee Stamps was however found correct. I therefore returned to Mysore expeditiously by motor after breakfast and made enquiries into the matter. The circumstances under which the detailed counting was undertaken yesterday is explained in the District Treasurer's report to the Treasury Officer (copy enclosed). After inspection of the District Treasury Strong Chamber and a preliminary question of Mr. D. Krishna Urs, the Permanent Treasury Officer, Mr. P.H. Krishna Rao and the Treasurer, and on examination of the Stock Registers and of the last dates when the particular classes of stamps in which shortages have been now found was counted in detail by a Gazetted Officer, I called for the remarks of Mr. Krishne Urs and called upon the Treasurer to show cause why the entire shortage should not be made good from his security amount and he be dealt with departmentally further. His explanation, as well as Mr. Krishna Urs' report is also sent herewith.

In the above circumstances, I have passed orders as per copy enclosed.

, directing that the value of the shortage be made good from the Treasurer's Security amount. I shall pass further orders after more detailed investigation.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Sd/- Deputy Commissioner,

Mysore District.

AVR/SG.

Copy!

Submitted.

[illegible] STAMPS AT [illegible] PLACE MEANING.

For issue of stamps to licenced vendors Taluks and Post Offices, Seller Boruya was taking them from the main stock and I was accounting to G.A. by checking the issue and giving them out. As Seller Boruya died on Sunday the Head Account Clerk Mr. [illegible] was asked to take the stamps for issue to Vendors and the Post Offices yesterday as it was an indent day. While taking out stamps he found difficulty in giving out the balance.Hence he he was asked by me to count in detail the denominations he was asked to take and give out the balance. While taking out the required stamps, the balance noted by Seller Boruya on the stamps could not be found in counting. I brought this to the kind notice of the Personal Assistant who was in charge of the Treasury. The Personal Assistant was pleased to order that the whole stock should be thoroughly counted and was present during the whole period.

The following shortages were found on detailed counting. In Receipt there was Rs.1'97 sheets noted by Seller Boruya on the stamp, only 1836 sheets were forthcoming and 233 sheets valued Rs.2088 missing.

In copying sheets [illegible] and 102 sheets valued Rs.1023 were missing.

In postal stationery Reply Cards of 6 cents 13 packets and 6 cards valued Rs.213-44-C were missing.

Square envelopes 2 cents and 10 packets valued Rs.90/- were missing.

In one anna Bookslets 5 cents and 230 booklets valued Rs.[illegible] were sent.

Thus in all Rs.[illegible] worth of Stamps and Postal Stores are missing.

Counterfeit notes, [illegible] cents and envelopes are kept in the

on the left in the chamber arranged in ~~the~~ two rows one behind the other.

The back bundles were found to have been tampered with.

---- W- G.T. Ferguson,

District Treasurer.
28-6-1932

As the District Treasurer considers; to him as well as to the responsible for the safe custody and issue of stamps etc., he will show cause why the amount of Collectors Fin., No.3002-A-6 should not be made good from his security amount, and also explain how this big shortage has been made possible for a long time before it was discovered etc., etc., and why the S.C/attach.

Rd. 1.11.1.

Returned with note to the Duty Commissioner.

28-6-1932.

Copy.

Report dated April 22nd from the District Treasurer, Pierre Plotnick.

In obedience to the order to show cause why the depositories in Steele designated yesterday should not be made good Government Security agents, I have the honor to report as follows:-

In this Treasury there is no State bank for instance. The main store is in the vicinity of the Treasury Office. This is very heavy in this Treasury valued below.

In larger days the loss of the Steeles are not from the Treasury Office and I have to the Secret.

The material interest in building stock is as follows:-

In order that the above depositories I put the notice to pick out the required number of shares of a given denomination. I then posted in the middle of the Division in the most prominent part the Collier taken out stock in the Lincoln situated on a Division. After taking out this stock to give the balance of [illegible] and if I did [illegible].

After taking out the stock in used to come to [illegible] the stock taken and I count that out of [illegible].

This is the [illegible] stock and I certify of [illegible]

As I had to attend to this work in addition to the daily transactions of this Treasury which is very heavy I was unable to check the balances in detail.

I can certify positive attention to the issues of stocks by adopting check and counter check.

As regards the second Con Steel I beg to submit that neither Collier stock or any Corporation was controlled by subscription to Shellers and Vouchers of the Day's transactions and notice that is my usual book in the Div Sec. The Collier Co was taken out Steeles Ind Plan or subscription to the stock Receipt Stubs in Book Section and posted that.

When the issue of the new was very heavy we had to put out of the Division Notes on Video after my copies out Indiana Plan. By [illegible] and counter out twice at the [illegible]

Officially [illegible]

opportunities toremove Copying Sheets and Postal Covers and Cards which were open and accessible and bring them along with the stamps taken out as I would be charged in the transaction.

That he was giving out book balances may be seen from the figure he has noted on the Receipt Stamps, Copying Sheets, &c.

I have already put in more than 30 years of honest service under Government.

That I am innocent in the affair can be kindly made out from the fact that I myself brought the deficit in stamps to the kind notice of the Personal Assistant yesterday.

I pray that in consideration of my long service and my innocence in the affair I may kindly be pardoned.

If arrangements had been made to issue stamps from the Single Desk as in the case of service stamps, there would have been, I beg to submit, no scope for committing fraud.

" C O P Y "

Deputy Commissioner,
Mysore District.

Reported dated 20th April 1942 from Mr. D. Krishna Rao, District Treasury Officer, Ongole to the Deputy Commissioner.

I enclose a statement showing the dates on which I verified the balances of stamps and Opium. On the days I checked the balances, I found them all correct. Yesterday when I was to leave Mr. P.N. Krishna Rao, the Personal Assistant was in charge of the District Treasury and found out the shortage. All along it was the Treasurer and Mr. Official Vendor of Stamps, who was directly supervising the issue of stamps and Gollar Korlah was doing the counting all along. Postal Envelopes and copying papers and Post Cards are all kept in a loft in 2 to 3 rows one behind the other. Whenever issues were made, Gollar Korlah used to get up the ladder and count the packets in each row and give the balances. As the packets were too many, they were never brought down and counted. He has now learnt that the back rows were generally tampered with. The receipt stamps and one anna Booklets are kept in an old box and when I checked them in detail on 20th January 1942, the balances were found correct.

Though there was such check, I think Gollar Korlah since deceased, must have been gradually misusing them.

I could not possibly check the balances in detail everyday as the transactions in this Treasury are very heavy and as I had other work as Assistant to the Deputy Commissioner to attend to. It takes nearly 3 to 4 hours to check the stamps in detail. In all Districts, stamps are kept in single lock also which is not the case here. This may likewise have facilitated the pilfering. The issues are generally heavy and also the receipts and this hamper detailed check every time in addition to the routine heavy transactions in the Treasury.

In the present case I suggest that the money be made good from the security of the Treasurer and further steps taken to find out the articles missing and persons involved.

"C o p y"

For Deputy Commissioner,

Moore District.

The following stamps were checked in detail by the undersigned on the dates noted against each.

Particulars.	Dates of inspection.
Postage and Service Labels	23-1-1929 ✓
Receipt Stamps	-do- ✓
Share Transfer Stamps	-do-
Excise Agreement Papers	-do-
General Stamps	14-2-1927
Court Fee Stamps	23-1-1929 Copying Work
Opium	14-11-1927
Bundi Stamps	23-1-1929.

Sd/- D.K.KELLA M.C.,

District Treasury Officer,
Mysore.
23-4-29.

Dated

Deputy Commissioner,
Mysore District.

No. Confidential C.C 50/27.28. Encl: 6+1

Office of the Deputy Commissioner,
Mysore District.

Dated Mysore, 25th April 1928.

From

C.B. 3854.

V.V. Ramanathan, Esq., B.A.,

Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District.

To

N. Madhava Rao, Esq., B.A., B.L.,

Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore,

Bangalore.

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith copy of my letter No. of today's date, to the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore reporting shortage in stamps of various denominations of the aggregate value of Rs. 3,552-14-0 in the District Treasury, and of its enclosures as per margin.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Deputy Commissioner,
Mysore District.

AVR/SG.

Enclosures.

1. Treasurer's memo with Mr. P.HKrishna Rao's remarks.
2. Report of Treasurer in reply dated 25-4-1928.
3. Report of Mr.P.H.Krishna Rao.
4. Report of Mr. D.Krishna Urs.
5. Dates of checking stamps by Mr. D.Krishna Urs.

Sub-d for perusal. The case will be worked up & sub-d after hearing from Re & explanation

27/4/28 First Member Dewan

C.B may please place the file next for hearing

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No.

Office of the Deputy Commissioner,
Mysore District.

Dated Mysore, ...25th April 1928....

From

A.V. Ramanathan, Esq., B.A.,

Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District.

To

P.G. D'Souza, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, Bangalore.

SUBJECT:— Shortage of Receipt Stamps, Copying papers, Postal Cards, etc, in the District Treasury, Mysore.

Sir,

I have the honour to state that on arrival at Mandya Camp at 11-30 A.M. today from Malavalli, I received a report from my Personal Assistant Mr. P.H. Krishna Rao, who was temporarily in charge of the District Treasury yesterday owing to the absence of Mr. Krishna Urs on casual leave, that a shortage in Receipt Stamps, Copying papers, and Postal Cards etc, to the approximate value of Rs. 3,000-14-0 was found yesterday on counting the entire stock in the District Treasury. The stock in General and Court-fee Stamps was however found correct. I therefore returned to Mysore expeditiously by motor after breakfast and made enquiries into the matter. The circumstances under which the detailed counting was undertaken yesterday is explained in the District Treasurer's report to the Treasury Officer (copy enclosed). After inspection of the District Treasury Strong Chamber and a preliminary question of Mr. D. Krishna Urs, the Permanent Treasury Officer, Mr. P.H. Krishna Rao and the Treasurer, and on examination of the Stock Registers and of the last dates when the particular classes of stamps in which shortages have been now found was counted in detail by a Gazetted Officer, I called for the remarks of Mr. Krishna Urs and called upon the Treasurer to show cause why the entire shortage should not be made good from his security amount and he be dealt with departmentally further. His explanation, as well as Mr. Krishna Urs' report is also sent herewith.

In the above circumstances, I have passed orders as per copy enclosed.

, directing that the value of the shortage be made good from the Treasurer's Security amount. I shall pass further orders after more detailed investigation.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Sd/ A.V. Ramanathan,
Deputy Commissioner,
Mysore District.

AVR/SG.

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Robbery.

[illegible] OF [illegible].

For some [illegible] Dollar Bonanza [illegible] Office, Dollar Bonanza [illegible] the cash desk and X the accounting [illegible] checking the [illegible] there are. [illegible] Dollar Bonanza [illegible] Sunday the third [illegible] thereof [illegible] to [illegible] the office the [illegible] Vendors and the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

on the 1st in the charge accepted in [illegible]
who came into [illegible].

The Deputy Public Curator has been duly notified.

[illegible]
Assistant Secretary.
20-6-41.

[illegible]

As the District Commissioner considers it [illegible]
can responsible for the safe custody and [illegible]
etc., he will also [illegible] of deposit of
[illegible], £3890-6-0 [illegible] be made [illegible]
security given, and [illegible] has been [illegible]
has been made [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

Treasurer [illegible]
[illegible]

20-6-41.

[illegible]

Report dated 25th April 1933 from the District Treasurer, Mysore District.

In obedience to the order to show cause why the deficiency in Stamps detected yesterday should not be made good from my Security amount, I beg to submit as follows:-

In this Treasury there is no Single Lock for Stamps. main store is in the custody of the Treasury Officer. The stock i very heavy in this Treasury valued lakhs.

On indent days the boys of the Stamps are got from the Treasury Officer and I attend to the issues.

The method adopted in taking stamps is as follows:-

On looking into the Issue Register I ask the Collar to take out the required number of stamps of a given denomination. I wil seated in the middle of the Chamber in the seat provided and the Collar takes out stamps from the Almirahs situated at a distance. After taking out stamps he used to give the balance figure and if tallied I used to tick of.

After taking out all the stamps he used to come to my seat with all the stamps taken out and count them again in my presence.

Thus in taking out stamps there was check and counter check

As I had to attend to this work in addition to the daily transactions of this treasury which is very heavy I was unable to check the balances in detail.

I was paying particular attention to the issues of stamps by adopting check and counter check.

As regards the scope for fraud I beg to submit that while taking stamps my attention was constantly diverted by attending to Challans and Vouchers of the day's transactions and noting them in my Cash Book in the Chamber. The Collar who was taking Stamps had thus opportunities to an steal Receipt Stamps and Booklets and pocket them.

When the issue of stamps was very heavy he had to bring them out of the Chamber twice or thrice after my coming out locking almirahs. By going in and coming out twice or thrice he had

opportunities

opportunities toremove Copying Sheets and Postal Covers and Cards which were open and accessible and bring them along with the stamps taken out as I would be engaged in the transaction.

That he was giving out book balances may be seen from the figure he has noted on the Receipt Stamps, Copying Sheets, &c.

I have already put in more than 30 years of honest ....ice under Government.

That I am innocent in the affair can be kindly made out from the fact that I myself brought the deficit in stamps to the kind notice of the Personal Assistant yesterday.

I pray that in consideration of my long service and my innocence in the affair I may kindly be pardoned.

If ~~xxxx~~ arrangements had been made to issue stamps from the Single lock as in the case of service stamps, there would have been, I beg to submit, no scope for committing fraud.

"COPY"

Deputy Commissioner,
Mysore District.

Report dated 20th April 1951 from Mr. D.H. Krishna Rao, Personal Assistant to the Deputy Commissioner, to the Deputy Commissioner.

Sir,

In continuation of my D.O. of yesterday reporting the shortage in the stock of Postage Cards, Envelopes, one cash book Lost and Receipt Stamps and Copying sheets, I am enclosing for your information the News given by the District Treasurer as to how the shortage was possible in spite of the District Treasurer being present when out then stamps were put in or taken out of the main store.

I was in charge of the District Treasury yesterday as Mr. A. [illegible] Ure was on casual leave. On being informed that a shortage was found in the Receipt [illegible], I immediately went to the Treasury and found that 800 sheets were short. A thorough examination was therefore made in my presence of the entire stock and the deficiency as reported yesterday was found. It was 11-30 P.M. before the examination was over. I intimated the fact to Mr. Krishna simultaneously with writing [illegible] the D.O. to the Deputy Commissioner.

Mr. Krishna Ure as being the permanent District Treasury Officer will give his report as to how this shortage was possible. So far as I could see yesterday it seems to have occurred because Gollar Bora who was entrusted with handling the stamps etc was taken too much on trust by the District Treasurer and the balances as given out by him was accepted as correct without being checked by the Treasurer even occasionally. In instance under copying sheets according to the registers, there should have been 103 packets but there was only 86 packets and out of these 17 packets had been tampered with. On counting the paper in these 17 packets they came up to only 10 packets of 800 sheets each and 308 sheets. Gollar Bora appears to have been extracting these papers off and on for some time from the several packets. These copying papers as well as the Postage Envelopes and cards are kept on a table in the District Treasury and it was not the practice for any one

any one else to go up a ladder to the loft and count the packets or papers. Dora who died on Sunday last (22nd April 1928) is said to have been giving the correct book balances when asked to give out the balance after each issue. The Receipt Stamps and One Anna Booklets were however kept in the floor in an almirah and could have been readily counted by the Treasurer. They were last counted in detail by Mr. Krishna Ura on 28th January 1928 and certified to be correct.

I suggest that under the circumstances the value of the shortage, namely, Rs. 3,652-14-0 may be ordered to be made good from the Security Deposit of the Treasurer.

"C o p y"

Deputy Commissioner,
Kyaore District.

Reported dated 25th April 1923 from the Mr. D. Krishna Urs, District Treasury Officer, Mysore to the Deputy Commissioner.

I enclose a statement showing the dates on which I verified the balances of stamps and Opium. On the days I checked the balances, I found them all correct. Yesterday when I was on leave Mr. P.H. Krishna Rao, the Personal Assistant was in charge of the District Treasury and found out the shortage. All along it was the Treasurer and Ex. Officio Vendor of Stamps, who was directly supervising the issue of stamps and Gollar Boriah was doing the counting all along. Postal Envelopes and copying papers and Post Cards are all kept on a loft in 2 to 3 rows one behind the other Whenever issues were made, Gollar Boriah used to get up the ladder and count the packets in each row and give the balances. As the packets were too many, they were never brought down and counted. It is now learnt that the back rows were generally tampered with. The receipt Stamps and one anna Booklets are kept in an almirah and when I checked them in detail on 28th January 1923, the balances were found correct.

Though there has been checking, I think Gollar Boriah since deceased, must have been gradually removing them.

I could not possibly check the balances in detail everyday as the transactions in this Treasury are very heavy and as I had other work as Assistant to the Deputy Commissioner to attend to. It takes nearly 5 to 6 hours to check the stamps in detail. In all Districts, Stamps are kept in single lock also which is not the case here. This may ~~[illegible]~~ have facilitated the pilfering. The issues are generally heavy and also the receipts and this hamper detailed check every time in addition to the routine heavy transactions in the treasury.

In the present case I suggest that the money be made good from the security of the Treasurer and further steps taken to find out the articles missing and persons involved.

"C o p y"

Deputy Commissioner,

Mysore District.

The following stamps were checked in detail by the undersigned on the dates noted against each.

Particulars.	Dates of Inspection.
Postage and Service Labels	23-1-1933
Receipt Stamps	-do-
Share Transfer Stamps	-do-
Bronze Agreement Papers	-do-
General Stamps	14-2-1933
Court Fees Stamps	23-1-1933
Opium	14-11-1933
Hundi Slips	23-1-1933.

Sd/- D.D.KHERA

District Treasury Officer
Mysore.
1-6-33.

"Seal"

Deputy Commissioner.
Mysore District.

ORDER.

The loss has occurred admittedly owing to the negligence of the Treasurer. He must take the consequences of his negligence. The sum of Rs.3652-14-0 will be adjusted by realisation of his security amount to this extent. The Comptroller will be addressed accordingly. The Treasurer must furnish fresh security to this extent before 31st May 1923.

I shall decide the question of departmental punishment after further investigation.

Pending intimation by the Comptroller that the security has been realised in cash to the above extent, the amount of Rs.3652-14-0 will be shown as an advance against the Treasurer Mr. C.R. Ranganna and the correct balances of the several stamps etc., entered in the books under date 30-4-1923 so the books have been closed for the day.

A.V. Ramanathan,
Deputy Commissioner,
Mysore District.

28th April 1923.

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OFFICE OF THE REVENUE COMMISSIONER
IN MYSORE,

Dated Bangalore 28th April *1928*.
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FROM

P. G. D'SOUZA, ESQ., B.A., B.L.,
REVENUE COMMISSIONER IN MYSORE.

Cn 3880.

TO

The Chief Secretary to the Government
of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward herewith copy of Mysore Deputy Commissioner's letter No. C.C.50/27-28 dated 25-4-1928 together with the enclosures thereto, reporting the shortage in Receipt stamps, copying papers, and postal cards etc. to the aggregate value of Rs 3552-14-0 observed in the Mysore District Treasury on 24-4-1928. The Deputy Commissioner has ordered that the shortage should be made good by the Treasurer due to whose negligence the loss has occurred. Further report of the Deputy Commissioner re: the result of a detailed investigation in the matter, will be forwarded to Government on receipt.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Revenue Commissioner.

Letter No. C.C.oC/27-28 dated 25th April 1928 from the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, to the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.

Shortage of Receipt Stamps, Copying papers, Postal Cards, etc, in the District Treasury, Mysore.

I have the honor to state that on arrival at Lanaya Camp at 11-30 A.M. today from Hulikere, I received a report from my Personal Assistant, Mr. P.H.Krishna Rao, who was temporarily in charge of the District Treasury yesterday owing to the absence of Mr. Krishne Urs on casual leave, that a shortage in Receipt Stamps, Copying papers, and Postal Cards etc to the aggregate value of Rs 3552-14-0 was found yesterday on counting the entire stock in the District Treasury. The stock in General and Court Fee Stamps was however found correct. I therefore returned to Mysore expeditiously by motor after breakfast and made enquiries into the matter. The circumstances under which the detailed counting was undertaken yesterday is explained in the District Treasurer's report to the Treasury Officer (copy enclosed). After inspection of the District Treasury Strong Chamber and preliminary question of Mr. D. Krishne Urs, the Permanent Treasury Officer, Mr. P.H. Krishna Rao and the Treasurer, and on examination of the Stock Registers and of the last dates when the particular classes of stamps in which shortages have been now found was counted in detail by a Gazetted Officer, I called for the remarks of Mr. Krishne Urs and called upon the Treasurer to show cause why the entire shortage should not be made good from his security amount and he be dealt with departmentally further. His explanation, as well as Mr. Krishne Urs' report is also sent herewith.

In the above circumstances, I have passed orders as per copy enclosed, directing that the value of the shortage be made good from the Treasurer's security amount. I shall pass further orders after more detailed investigation.

"Copy"

Mr. For Revenue Commissioner

Submitted.

REGARDING STAMPS IN THE DISTRICT TREASURY.

For issue of stamps to licensed vendors Taluks and Post Offices, Gollar Borayya was taking them from the main store and I was attending to this by checking the issue and giving them out. As Gollar Borayya died on Sunday the 22nd instant Shroff Rama Rao was asked to take the stamps for issue to Vendors and the Post Office yesterday as it was an indent day. While taking out stamps he found difficulty in giving out the balance. So he was asked by me to count in detail the denominations he was asked to take and give out the balance. While taking out the receipt stamps, the balance noted by Gollar Borayya the stamps could not be found in counting. I brought this to the kind notice of the Personal Assistant who was in charge of the Treasury. The Personal Assistant was pleased to order that the whole stock should be thoroughly counted and was present during the whole period.

The following deficits were found on detailed examination. In Receipt Stamps for 1777 sheets noted by Gollar Borayya on the stamp, only 1514 sheets were forthcoming and 263 sheets valued Rs.1052 wanting.

In copying sheets 16 reams and 192 sheets valued Rs.1024 were missing.

In postal stationery Reply Cards of 6 reams 13 packets and 6 cards valued Rs.186-14-0 were missing.

Square envelopes 2 reams and 10 packets valued Rs.70/- were missing.

In one anna booklets 2 reams and 260 booklets valued Rs1220 were wanting.

Thus in all Rs.3552-14-0 worth of Mysore and Postal Stamps are missing.

Copying sheets, post cards and envelopes are kept on the

on the loft in the chamber arranged in ~~the xxxxxxxx~~ two rows one behind the other.

The back bundles were found to have been tampered with.

---- Sd/- G.R. Ranganna,

District Treasurer
25-4-1928.

As the District Treasurer according to his own statement was responsible for the safe custody and issue of stamps etc., he will show cause why the amount of deficiency viz., Rs.3552-14-0 should not be made good from his security amount, and also explain how this big shortage has been made possible in spite of his being present whenever stamps etc. were issued from the main stock.

Id. P.H.K.

Personal Assistant to the
Deputy Commissioner.

25-4-1928.

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Report dated 25th April 1928 from Mr. P.H. Krishna Rao, Personal Assistant to the Deputy Commissioner, to the Deputy Commissioner.

In continuation of my D.O. of yesterday reporting the shortage in the Stock of Postage Cards, Envelopes, One-anna Book-lets and Receipt Stamps and Copying sheets, I am enclosing for your information the Memo given by the District Treasurer as to how the shortage was possible in spite of the District Treasurer being present throughout when stamps were put in or taken out of the main store.

I was in charge of the District Treasury yesterday as Mr. D. Krishna Urs was on casual leave. On being informed that a shortage was found in the Receipt Stamps, I immediately went to the Treasury and found that 263 sheets were short. A thorough examination was therefore made in my presence of the entire stock and the deficiency, as reported yesterday was found. It was 11-30 P.M. before the examination was over. I intimated the fact to Mr. Krishna Urs simultaneously with writing the D.O. to the Deputy Commissioner.

Mr. Krishna Urs as being the permanent District Treasury Officer will give his report as to how this shortage was possible. So far as I could see yesterday it seems to have occurred because Gollar Bora who was entrusted with handling the stamps etc was taken too much on trust by the District Treasurer and the balances as given out by him were accepted as correct without being checked by the Treasurer even occasionally. For instance under copying sheets according to the registers, there should have been 108 packets but there were only 98 packets and out of these 17 packets had been tampered with. On counting the paper in these 17 packets they came up to only 10 packets of 500 sheets each and 302 sheets. Gollar Bora appears to have been extracting these papers off and on for some time from the several packets. These copying papers as well as the Postage Envelopes and Cards are kept on a loft in the District Treasury and it was not the practice for any one

any one else to go up a ladder to the loft and count the packets or papers. Bora who died on Sunday last (22nd April 1928) is said to have been giving the correct book balances when asked to give out the balance after each issue. The Receipt Stamps and One Anna Booklets were however kept on the floor in an almirah and could have been readily counted by the Treasurer. They were last counted in detail by Mr. Krishne Urs on 28th January 1928 and certified to be correct.

I suggest that under the circumstances the value of the shortage, namely, Rs. 3,552-14-0 may be ordered to be made good from the Security Deposit of the Treasurer.

" C o p y"

Deputy Commissioner,
Mysore District.

The following stamps were checked in detail by the undersigned on the dates noted against each.

Particulars.	Dates of inspection.
Postage and Service Labels	28-1-1928
Receipt Stamps	-do-
Share Transfer Stamps	-do-
Excise Agreement Papers	-do-
General Stamps	14-9-1927
Court Fees Stamps	28-1-1928
Opium	14-11-1927
Hundi Stamps	28-1-1928.

Sd/- D.KRISHNA URS,

District Treasury Officer,
Mysore.
25-4-28.

"COPY"

Deputy Commissioner,
Mysore District.

O R D E R.

The loss has occurred admittedly owing to the negligence of the Treasurer. He must take the consequences of his negligence. The sum of Rs.3552-14-0 will be adjusted by realisation of his security amount to this extent. The Comptroller will be addressed accordingly. The Treasurer must furnish fresh security to this extent before 31st May 1928.

I shall decide the question of departmental punishment after further investigation.

Pending intimation by the Comptroller that the security has been realised in cash to the above extent, the amount of Rs.3552-14-0 will be shown as an advance against the Treasurer Mr. G.R. Ranganna and the correct balances of the several stamps etc., entered in the books under date 26-4-1928 as the books have been closed for the day.

Sd/- A.V. Ramanathan,
Deputy Commissioner,
Mysore District.

25th April 1928.

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taken to trace the culprits and the property.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/- P.H. Krishna Rao,

Personal Assistant to the
Deputy Commissioner,
Mysore District.

" C o p y "

For Revenue Commissioner.

M.B.R.

Mysore,

27th April 1928.

Dear Mr. Siddaraj Urs,

On 24-4-1928 I was in charge of the District Treasury as Mr. D. Krishne Urs, the permanent Treasury Officer was on casual leave. The District Treasurer informed me in the evening that there was a shortage in the stock of one anna Receipt Stamps. I immediately went to the Treasury and found that 263 sheets were short. A thorough examination was therefore made in my presence of the entire stock and the following deficiencies were found.

		Number.	Value.
1.	Receipt stamps.	263 sheets.	1052-0-0
2.	Reply post cards.	6 reams 13 packets and 6 cards (reply).	186-14-0
3.	Postage envelopes.	2 reams 10 packets.	70-0-0
4.	Copying sheets.	16 reams 192 sheets.	1024-0-0
5.	One anna stamp Booklets.	1220	1220-0-0.
		Total. Rs	3552-14-0.

It was 11-30 P.M. before the examination was over. I wrote a D.O. letter immediately to the Deputy Commissioner who was in Mandya and gave it to Shroff Rama Rao to go by the morning train and deliver it urgently at the Deputy Commissioner's camp. I also wrote to Mr. Krishne Urs and sent the letter with Gollar Madiah.

The Deputy Commissioner and Mr. Krishna Urs came to the Treasury on 25-4-1928 and after preliminary enquiry a report of the loss was sent to the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, the Chief Secretary, the Financial Secretary and the Comptroller. You know you were sent for and instructions issued as Gollar Narayya who was entrusted with the counting and issue of the stamps etc. had died suddenly on 22-4-1928 and he was suspected of the theft. Instructions were also issued to me and to the Treasury Officer to make further enquiries. Under the instructions of the Deputy Commissioner issued today as the result of further enquiries I am making this formal complaint so that further steps may be taken

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To

The Deputy Commissioner,
Mysore District.

Sd/- M. Madhava Rao

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.C.C. 50 dated 25th April 1928 forwarding a copy of your letter to the Revenue Commissioner regarding the shortage in stamps of various denominations of the aggregate value of Rs.3552-14-0 in the Mysore District Treasury, I am directed to invite your attention to the rules prescribed for the custody, supply and sale of stamps (App.32 of the Mysore Account Code, Vol.II) which require that the double lock transactions in stamps (whether putting in or taking out) should be under the personal supervision of the Treasury Officer and also lay down that on the last day of each month the officer in charge should count, or have counted in his presence, stamps of all descriptions in his depot and attach a certificate of having made such an inspection to the monthly returns to be sent to the Commissioner of Stamps. Further, sales to the public or to license vendors should not be made direct from stores under double lock, but by the Treasurer (as ex-officio vendor) from the supply entrusted to him for the purpose which is to be kept by him under single lock.

P.T.O.

2. It appears to have been the practice in this Treasury to permit the Treasurer himself to directly supervise the issue of stamps from double locks. This was highly irregular and the Treasury Officer has permitted such an arrangement at his own risk. The absence of a single lock store cannot in any case be an excuse for permitting the issue of stamps from double locks otherwise than in accordance with rules. If the scrutiny on the last day of the month required of the Treasury Officer, had been strictly exercised, there would not have been scope for such a heavy shortage or long delay in detection.

3. I am directed to request that in connection with the further investigation that is being conducted by you, the above points may also be examined and the responsibilities of the several officers fixed.

I have etc.,

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVT.

Copy to the Rev. Com No 58157/C5

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE,
GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT,

No. 5844/G5 *Dated Bangalore, the...23....May.....192 8*

FROM

N. MADHAVA RAO, ESQ., B.A., B.L.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore,
BANGALORE.

To

A.V.Ramanathan Esq.,B.A.,
Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District.

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I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Sd. N.MADHAVA RAO.

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

MEMO NO. 5845-76 Dt 23-5-28

Copy of the above is forwarded with compliments to the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.

By order,

(For pte)

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

B.E.M.3

49/C.B. ದಿ 5/7/28
Encl

To The Deputy Commr.
Mysore Dt.

ISSUED.

Sir,

In continuation of
his office letter No. 5814/
C.B. dated 23rd May
1928 I am directed
to forward herewith
for favour of report through the R.E
a communication received
from Mr G. Ramanujeyengar,
Advocate, Mysore, claiming
to be one of the persons
who have deposited Govt.
Promissory Notes as Security on
behalf of the Treasurer of
the Mysore District Treasury
and complaining of the
alleged injustice in ~~seizing the~~
~~Se~~ appropriating the Security

deposit of the Treasurer to make good the ~~deficit in the~~ shortage in Stamps or for which the Treasury officer is to be held responsible.

I have etc

Chief Secy. to Govt.

Copy to the Revenue Comr. 50/C.B. dt 5/7/28

" Financial Branch. — sanction dt — "

Cgd 5/7/28)

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

R. 360 12.7.28

No. C 3867/27 22

OFFICE OF THE
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE IN MYSORE,

Dated, Bangalore, the 9th July, 1928.

From

S. HIRIANNAIYA, Esq., M.A., B.L.,
Inspector-General of Police in Mysore,
Bangalore.

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CHIEF SECRETARY. 10 JULY 1928

To

N. Madhava Rao, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith for the information of Government copy of Diary Part II of the Assistant Superintendent of Police, Mysore City, for the week ending 5th May 1928 as well as copy of his letter No. H.C.771 of 27 dated the 19th Ultimo to the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, in connection with the shortage of stamps etc. in the District Treasury, Mysore.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Inspector General of Police.

Copy of Diary, Part II, for week ending 5th May 1928.

This is a case of theft of postage envelops, Post cards, one anna amp booklets and copying sheets etc. to the aggregate value of Rs. 52-14-0 from the District Treasury, Mysore.

On visiting the Treasury it is learnt that the packets of post cards envelops and copying sheets had been kept on the loft in the strong room in the Treasury in two rows and the receipt stamps and one anna stam booklets in the Almirahs which were always locked in the same strong room.

The procedure adopted in the Treasury for the supply of indented articles in stamps, covers etc., is disclosed from the statement of the Treasurer, Mr. Ranganna as follows.

Tuesday and Fridays are kept apart for the issue of the indented articles. The indents with challans are received from the post master of the Head Office and Stamp Vendors by I P.M. and after needful procedure in the account and cash branches, the District Treasury Officer sends the keys of the strong room and the almirahs with the Gollar who opens them in the presence of the Treasurer. The indented articles are taken out one by one by the Gollar according to the direction of the Treasurer who reads out from the issue register. The Gollar then counts each article and gives out the balance in stock which is to agree with the book balance. The articles taken out will be counted once again in the presence of the Treasurer, who will then ask the Gollar to bring them outside for despatch, and he, returning to his seat. The Gollar usually visits the strong room four or five times to bring these articles out.

Gollar Boriaya who was attending to this work since June 1926 from the time of the transfer of Gollar Madiah and managed to win the goodwill and confidence of the Treasurer by personal service to him and was the only person going into the strong room with the Treasurer on

on indent days. The shortage in stock came to light on 24-4-1928 when owing to the death of Gollar Boriah on 22-4-1928, Shroff Rama Rao helped the Treasurer in taking out the indented articles. The book balance did not tally with the actual balance then in respect of the stamp sheets, when a thorough search was made on suggestion by Mr. P.H. Krishna Rao, who was in charge of the Treasury that day, owing to the absence of Mr. Krishna Urs on casual leave for the day and the above noted deficiencies came to light.

The Treasury was inspected by the Assistant Comptroller on 12-8-192[illegible] and by Mr. Krishna Urs on 28-1-1928. The latter Officer says that the stock was counted by Gollar Boriah during his inspection and the balance as given by him tallied with the book balance. Boriah has evidently misrepresented facts. Hence the starting point for the date of theft must be taken to be from 12th August 1926 i.e., the date of inspection by the Assistant Comptroller and the theft must have been going on systematically the attendant circumstances pointing to Gollar Boriah as the culprit, since he was the only person besides the Treasurer who had access to the strong room and who had opportunities to commit the offence. As the death of this man was sudden two days before the discovery of the theft, his body was disintered under the orders of the City Magistrate and the viscera sent to Chemical Examiner for analysis.

Enquiries were made to find out how the accused managed to sell the stolen articles and it was found that Vendor Rama Rao was a close friend of the accused whose indents for the copying sheets from the last twelve months show a decrease with no indents for receipt stamps. It was also learnt that Post man Varadiah who was always going to the Treasury with the postal indents was a great friend of the accused, and enquiries were made at the Head Post Office if there was any decrease in the sale of stamps and post cards but it was learnt that it was not possible to detect it, from the accounts maintained in the Post Office. However further enquiries are being made about these two persons as also, if thereare any local merchants who sell poostal stamps and cards to a considerable extent.

It was learnt that the accused was lavishly spending money of late and was indulging in costly luxuries with his friends. He was keeping one Kamalamma and was maintaining her separately even though his pay was Rs. 15/- per months. He had also a bicycle of his own.

An indent for supply of stamps etc., dated 6-8-1927 was received from Seringapatam Taluk Office i.e. on 19-8-1927 in the Treasury and the articles were despatched on 21-8-1927 and subsequently a report was made by the Amildar on 7-9-1927 about the non-receipt of postage stamps.

Thereupon, the Treasurer Mr. Ranganna, suggested that Gollar Boriah may be sent to Seringapatam to check quoting the ~~xx~~ analogy of Nagamangala Taluk Officer, when Gollar Madiah had been sent. Boriah was subsequently sent to Seringapatam who brought a report from the Amildar that the stamp sheets were found between the cover packets.

Another indent received from the same Taluk on 27-2-1928 was complied with and a report was made on 5-3-1928 by the Amildar, that he found one sheet of receipt stamps short. A reply was sent to the Amildar on 14-3-1928 that the stock in the District Treasury was checked and found correct and the indented articles were checked thrice before despatch. The Amildar again reported on 9-4-1928 after a careful search that one sheet of receipt stamps was short. Whereupon the Treasury Officer asked for the explanation of the Treasurer for this deficiency. No explanation was forthcoming and when asked about this, the Treasurer denied having seen the reference at all, whereas Rama Rao, the stamp clerk, who is responsible for the correspondence states that the reference was taken to the Treasurer who returned it, stating that would get the reply written. The Treasurer stated that as Rama Rao, assured him that the stock in the Treasury was alright and as the indented articles were thrice checked before despatch, twice by Gollar Boriah and once by himself he initialled the reference to the Amildar. This sheet of stamps is still missing and Boriah must have extracted it before despatch.

Owing to the summer vacation to the Civil court most of the lawyers

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and their clerks are absent and more information about the disposal of the stolen articles could not be gathered. The accounts of the stamp Department are being checked.

Further progress will be duly reported.

Sd. H.Siddaraj Urs,
A. S. P.
Mysore City.

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G. Ramaniah

For Inspector General of Police.

Letter No.H.C.771/27-28 dated the 19th June 1928 from the Assistant Superintendent of Police, Mysore City, to the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District.

With reference to the D.O.No.C.1897/27-28 dated 27-4-1928 from the Personal Assistant to the Deputy Commissioner, to the Deputy Commissioner, a copy of which was forwarded to me for investigation, reporting shortage of Receipt Stamps, Reply Post Cards, Copying sheets, Postage Envelops and one anna stamp Booklets to the aggregate value of Rs. 3552-14-0, in the District Treasury and suspecting Gollar Boriah of the theft who was entrusted with the counting and issue of stamps etc., I have the honor to state that the case was investigated taking the starting point for the date of theft to be from the 12th.August 1926 i.e. the date of inspection by the Assistant Comptroller, who has certified to the correct balance on hand then.

Gollar Boriah was the person who was helping the Treasurer in the taking out of the indented articles in stamps, covers etc and to their despatch. He was the only person who had access to the Strong Room besides the Treasurer and had opportunities to commit the theft; he was working in this capacity in the Treasury ever since June 1926; it was also learnt that this m was lavishly spending money of late, indulging in costly luxuri and living beyond his means, his sudden death on 22-4-1928 was significant and it was found that he had committed suicide, by taking opium.

The theft of a large number of articles suggests their systematic removal and the existence of accomplices in their disposal, probably, stamp vendors. It was learnt that Gollar Boriah used to carry the articles of indents of vendors to the houses and that vendor Rama Rao was closely moving with Boriah. The Indent Registers of the vendors were looked into and it wa found that there was a marked decrease in the number of copyin

copying sheets and receipt stamps in the indents of Rama Rao from October 1926. This is suspicious.

As regards the disposal of Postage Cards, Covers and Stamps, the local merchants are selling these with a profit, and enquiries were made if the accused Boriah used to sell any of the postage articles to these merchants and their account books were looked into for this purpose but to no avail.

Enquiries were also made with a view to find out if there were any accomplices of this Boriah, among the Treasury officials. According to the statement of Ranganna the Treasurer, the Strong Room is opened by the Gollar in his presence and the indented articles are taken out one by one by the Gollar according to the direction of the Treasurer. The Gollar then counts each article and gives out the balance in stock, which is to agree with the book balance, After the articles taken out are counted once again in the presence of the Treasurer, before they are despatched. It becomes evident that the theft would have been impossible if the Treasurer had been more careful and less reliant on the Gollar's version of the balance in stock. If the Treasurer had taken the precaution of actually counting the articles in stock, instead of leaving it to the Gollar, no room would have been given for the theft. It is also learnt that the Gollar had managed to win the good will and confidence of the Treasurer by personal service to him. At best the Treasurer appears to have been negligent and careless, but not criminally culpable. The following instances are also significant.

An indent of supply of stamps etc., was received from Seringapatam Taluk Office on 19-8-1927 in the Treasury and the articles were despatched on 21-8-1927. Subsequently the Amildar reported about the non-receipt of shortage stamps. Thereupon Gollar Boriah was sent to Seringapatam to check, on the suggestion of the Treasurer. Boriah subsequently brought a report from the

Amildar

Amildar that the stamp sheets were found between the cover packets.

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The house of Boriah and his concubine were searched immediately on receipt of the report of this theft, but nothing incriminating was found. As the articles in question are easily negotiable and unidentifiable, this recovery is rendered impossible, especially in view of this systematic pilfering from the Treasury, making it possible for disposal in small quantities at intervals, so as not to excite suspicion. A charge sheet will be placed against Gollar Boriah in the City Magistrate's Court under Section 381 I.P.C.

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G. Ramamurthy

Inspector General of Police.

No. J.C. 50/27-28.

Office of the Deputy Commissioner,
Mysore District.

Dated Mysore, ...4th July 1928.....

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From

A.V. Ramanathan, Esq., B.A.,
Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District.

To

N. Madhava Rao, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
Chief *Secretary to the Government of*
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalare.

SUBJECT:— Loss of Stamps - District Treasury Mysore.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 5814/J.B. dated 23-5-28 calling for certain details re: the loss of stamps in the Mysore District Treasury, I have the honour to forward herewith for your information copy of my letter No. J.C. 50/27-28 dated 5-7-1928 to the Revenue Commissioner together with a copy of one of its enclosures and to state that the office did not send the copy to you earlier as the other enclosures were sent in original to the Revenue Commissioner without retaining copies and the office has been waiting for ~~a copies of it~~ from the Revenue Commissioner's Office. To avoid further delay I am now sending the copy of the available enclosure and will be sending copies of the others as soon as they are received from the Revenue Commissioner's office; or if it is not inconvenient to you, I would suggest your getting copies of the enclosures direct from the Revenue Commissioner's Office. I am sorry for the delay and mistake committed in my office.

(other enclosure also reed. & annexed)

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Deputy Commissioner,
Mysore District.

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Letter No. C.C. 50/27-28 dated 5-7-1928 from the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District to the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, Bangalore.

Shortage of stamps - Mysore District Treasury.

Adverting to letter No. 5814/C.B. dated 23-5-1928, and Comptroller's letter No. T.A.D. B. 1215 dated 25th May 1928 (copies enclosed) and in continuation of my letter No.C.C. 50/27-28 dated 25-4-1928, I have the honour to submit herewith the reports of the District Treasury Officer Mr. D. Krishna Urs giving information and explanations on all the points referred to in them.

2. As regards paragraphs 6 & 7 of the Comptroller's letter I have to state that it has not been possible for me in this heavy District with an enormous number of offices to inspect annually and a very large volume of work to get through, to check the stamps in detail in the District Treasury. But I have got it verified in detail by the Probationary Assistant Commissioner on 28-3-1925 and by my District Office Accountants in subsequent inspections. The stock was not checked by me in detail on the 5th April 1928 when I took charge on return from leave nor has it been checked by any other officer to whom I have handed over charge on other occasions as it takes full 5 hours to check the stock of stamps in the Mysore District Treasury.

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for Deputy Commissioner,
Mysore District.

6. To facilitate check a small stock of stamps required for daily issues may be kept apart from the main stock of stamps. The main stock should be under seal and opened only when the quantity in the issue stock is depleted and stamps are required for issue. The main stock need be counted only when any quantity is take out and that too in the denomination that is taken out and this will be perhaps twice a month. The arrangement of having a single lock stock with the Treasurer is not convenient in this Treasury as sufficient stock cannot be kept with the Treasurer for the frequent issues to the vendor in large quantities usual here.

The work of issuing stamps to the Post Office which is now done in this Treasury may be transferred to the Taluk Treasury.

To facilitate issue of stamps at the beginning of the day's work vendors may be required to give approximate indents a day previous to the day of issue.

Sd/- D. Krishna Urs,

District Treasury Officer,
Mysore.

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For Deputy Commissioner,
Mysore District.

No. C.C. 50/27-28.

Office of the Deputy Commissioner,
Mysore District.

Dated Mysore, ...6th August 1928....

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From

A.V. Ramanathan, Esq., B.A.,
Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District.

To

N. Madhava Rao, Esq., B.A.,B.L.,
Chief *Secretary to the Government of*
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalare.

SUBJECT:— Loss of stamps - Mysore District Treasury.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter No. C.C. 50/27-28 dated 4th August 1928, forwarding a copy of my letter No. C.C. 50/27-28 dated 5th July 1928 to the Revenue Commissioner together with a copy of one of its enclosures, regarding the explanations of the District Treasury Officer, Mr. D. Krishna Urs, on the above subject, I have the honour to forward herewith for your information a copy of the other enclosure received today from the Revenue Commissioner's Office.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

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Deputy Commissioner,
Mysore District.

S.G.

Submitted to the Deputy Commissioner

Reference Explanation, re, defalcation in stamps in the District Treasury, Mysore.

Questions, 1 and 5.

The Stamp certificate as contemplated in para 58 of the Mysore Civil Account Code Vol. II was not being furnished by this Treasury, till the omission was pointed out and the October Stamp Accounts were for the first time returned in November. After that this certificate is being furnished, but is based on book balance only, the stock however being checked by the several Treasury Officers now and then in detail.

The statements of the two stamps accountants in this connection enclosed for kind perusal show that at no time prior to the issue of the circular No. 1024-5/Books of 13-12-27, by the Stamp Comptroller and to return of the October accounts by the Stamp Commissioner, such certificates were being furnished.

Question. 2

Adequate arrangements are not made. The stamps as they are now, are not quite safe from the hands of unscrupulous gollars etc., though the same are not at all accessible to outsiders. The exact condition is detailed by me in my note of explanation tendered on 25th May 1928. Some of the defects pointed out therein have since been rectified. Some more almirahs are got and there is no room for more and the issue stock system has been introduced and the issue of postal stationery has been transferred to the Mysore Taluk. What is urgently needed still is to provide doors with locks for the open shelves, and to get better sort of Gollars on higher pay who can furnish security.

Questions 3 and 4.

The entire stock was checked by me in detail on 14-9-1927 and 28-1-1928. On 14-9-1927, the packets of postal envelopes and cards were got down from the loft and all tampered or loose packets were opened and counted by me and found to be correct. Again on

Again on 28-1-1928, the counting was by packets as they were arra on the loft. The other kinds of stamps etc, were all checked by me, by taking out at random certain packets and sheets and personally counting them, while the entire stock was got counted by others in my presence. The copying sheets which are received in and issued by ream packets were however on both these occasions checked by packets alone without being taken down from the loft, and had not the least suspicion about them. On these occasions the stock was found to agree with the book balances. I have also since checked the entire stock myself on these dates a viz, 26-4-1928, 27-5-1928 and 27-6-1928.

In conclusion, I can only say that all that was possible under the existing circumstances was being done. As detailed check takes ~~xxxxx~~ hours together, the stock was not being checked monthly in detail as the Treasury Officer could not find the required time for it to do it himself and this was all along being done by the Treasurer.

Sd/ D. Krishna Urs,

District Treasury Officer, 3-7-1928

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For Deputy Commissioner,
Mysore District.

S.G.

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OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER TO THE GOVERNMENT
OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

No. 296 TADB Enc 1st. & letter. *Bangalore, dated* 25th August 1928.

From

S. SHAMANNA, Esq., B.A.,
Comptroller to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
BANGALORE.

To

B. Srinivasa Iyengar, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
Financial Department, Bangalore.

Sir,

In continuation of this office letter No.1216 TADB dated 25th May 1928, regarding the defalcation of stamps of the aggregate value of Rs.3,552-14-0 in the Mysore District Treasury, I have the honor to

No.C.C.50/27-28 dated 4th August 1928
No.C.C.50/27-28 dated 6th August 1928

forward herewith, for the information of Government, copies of the marginally noted letters received from the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore, on the subject.

2. A statement showing the particulars called for from the Deputy Commissioner in this office letter No.1215 dated 25th May 1928 and the replies thereto is submitted herewith for reference.

3. Para 30 of Appendix XXXII M.C.A.C. Volume II, requires that the District Treasury Officer (Officer in charge of Local Depot for Stamps) should either count or have counted in his presence, stamps of all descriptions in his depot on the last day of each month and should send a stock verification certificate to the Commissioner of Stamps. In September 1927, Mr. G. S. Natesa Iyer, Assistant Comptroller, inspected the Office of the Commissioner of Stamps at my instance with the approval of the Commissioner of Stamps, and he noticed that most of the treasuries excepting one or two were not furnishing the certificate of verification in the monthly returns, as prescribed in the above rule. From the reply received from the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore, it is seen that these certificates were not being furnished by the Mysore District Treasury prior to October 1927. The omission on the part of

7. Articles 302 and 304, M.C.A.C. Volume II requires the Deputy Commissioner to check the stock of stamps in detail at least once in each half year and also in cases of transfer. This rule has not also been followed. The Deputy Commissioner says that, with an enormous number of officers to inspect annually and a large volume of work to get through, it has not been possible for him, in this heavy district, to check the stamps in the District Treasury in detail. He says that the stock was not checked by him in detail on 5th April 1929 when he took charge on return from leave nor was it even checked by any other officer to whom he handed over charge on other occasions, as it would take full five hours to check the stock of stamps in the Mysore District Treasury. If it was not possible for him to be present throughout the detailed counting he might have got it done by some trustworthy subordinate official on his behalf and on his responsibility but not omitted the counting altogether. His responsibility for the stamps and their verification are described in Article 302 M.C.A.C.Vol.II. To prevent the overlooking of these specified directions I would suggest that as in Madras the result of the periodical examination should be required to be reported to the Stamp Commissioner in a special form similar to the one prescribed in ~~Para 417, Chapter II Section V and also~~ Page 382, Madras Stamp Manual. This will enable the Stamp Commissioner to know that the half yearly inspections are being done. Similarly a certificate may be required to be inserted in the Charge Report Form that the stock of stamps is actually counted. At present only a statement of stamps accompanies the Charge Report but there is no such certificate.

8. The Deputy Commissioner has suggested that door with locks have to be provided for the open shelves where stamp

are stocked. It is necessary to provide locks for all open shelves and keep all stamps in locked receptacles.

9. The work of issuing postal stamps to the Post Office stated to have been transferred to the Mysore Taluq Treasury. The securities furnished by the Taluq Sheristedars and Shroffs are only Rs500/- each whereas the security of the Treasurer of the Mysore District Treasury is Rs7,000/- and that of the Distr Treasury Head Shroff is Rs1,000/- The transactions of Taluq Treasuries (especially Head Quarter Taluq Treasuries) should be kept at a minimum and these treasuries should not be allowed to have a large stock of cash or stamps. Further, very recently, a defalcation of Rs12,000/- occurred in the Mysore Taluq Treasu The transfer of the work to the Mysore Taluq Treasury is therefore in my opinion not desirable.

10. The District Treasury Officer reports that the arrangement of having a single lock stock with the Treasurer is not convenient as sufficient stock cannot be kept with the Treasu for the ~~payment~~ frequent issues to the vendors in large quantities. He therefore suggests that, to facilitate check, a small stock of stamps required for daily issues may be kept apart from the mai stock of stamps (the quantity so kept apart being equal to about a fortnight's demand). I think that the single lock arrangement is more suitable and the stock may be limited to a week's supply (except when the value of stamps, coin, note, etc left with the Treasurer is below the security taken, in which case the single lock stock may be increased by the difference) as in Madras (Vide Para 47, page 280 Madras Stamp Manual) inst of a month's supply allowed in para 19 Appendix XXXII T.C.A.C. Vol.II. The District Treasury Officer will, at the close of every day, check the single lock-stock and sale accounts and satisfy himself that the cash balance including the value of stamps etc in charge of the Treasurer is correct as per accou

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for Rs3,614-0-4, and Rs3,552-14-0, being the value of stamps found short, was adjusted as desired by the Deputy Commissioner Mysore. The balance viz., Rs61-2-4 is stated to have been credited to "Revenue Deposit" at the credit of the District Treasurer in the Mysore District Treasury Accounts.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

S. Ramamurthy
Comptroller.

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Statement showing particulars called for from the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore, in this office letter No.1215 TADB dated 25th May 1928 and the replies thereto.

No.	Particulars called for	Replies received.
1.	Whether the stock certificate at the end of each month which was prescribed in Para 58 of the standing rules (Vide Para 30 of Appendix XXXII of M.C.A.C. Volume II) is being furnished by the District Treasury to the Commissioner of Stamps and the Pay and Account Officer and whether such a certificate is based on actual stock verification or book balances only?	Dist. Treasury Officer's reply.
5.	Why the regular check prescribed by the certificate furnished to the Commissioner of Stamps, has not been followed by the present Treasury Officer and whether such a check was being done hitherto in the District Treasury?	1 & 5. The Stamp Certificate as contemplated in Para 58 of M.C.A.C. Vol.II was not being furnished by this treasury, till the omission was pointed out and the October Stamp Accounts were for the first time returned in November. After that, this certificate is being furnished, but is based on book balance only, the stock however being checked by the several Treasury Officers now and then in detail. The statements of the two Stamps Accountants in this connection enclosed for kind perusal show that at no time prior to the issue of the circular No.1024-5 Books of 19th December 1927, by the Comptroller and to return of the October accounts by the Stamp Commissioner, such certificates were being furnished.
2.	Whether adequate arrangements as prescribed by rules (Para 17 of Appendix XXXII M.C.A.C. Vol.II and Article 327 Vol.II) requiring the stock of these stamps to be kept in the double lock rooms and also adequately protected, have been made and whether if they have not as so secured, the defect in the arrangement has been previously noticed and an action has been taken to set it right?	2. Adequate arrangements are not made. The stamps as they are now, are not quite safe from the hands of unscrupulous Gollars, etc. though the same are not at all accessible to outsiders. The exact condition is detailed by me in my note of explanation tendered on 25th May 1928. Some of the defects pointed out therein have since been rectified. Some more almirahs are got and there is no room for more and the issue stock system has been introduced and the issue of postal stationery has been transferred to the Mysore Taluq. What is urgently needed still is to provide doors with locks for the open shelves, and to get better sort of Gollars on higher pay who can furnish security.
3.	Whether the Treasury Officer who is stated to have counted and verified the particular denominations on 14-9-27 and 28-1-28 actually counted them by taking out the entire stock himself or contented himself with a test check personally, leaving out stock which was not prominently placed.	3 & 4. The entire stock was checked by me in detail on 14-9-27 and 28-1-28. On 14-9-27, the packets of Postal Envelopes and Cards were got down from the loft and all tamperred or loose packets were opened and counted by me and found to be correct. Again on 28-1-1928, the counting was by packets as they were arranged on the loft. The other kinds of stamps, etc. were all checked by me, by taking out at random certain packets and [illegible]

4. The last date on which the stock of copying papers, post cards and envelopes was checked in detail by the Treasury Officer and the result of such a check.

and personally counting them, while the entire stock was got counted by others in my presence. The copying sheets which are received in and issued by ream packets were however on both these occasions checked by packets alone without being taken down from the loft, and had not the least suspicion about them. On these occasions, the stock was found to agree with the book balances. I have also since checked the entire stock myself on these dates also viz., 26-4-1928, 27-5-1928 and 27-6-1928.

In conclusion, I can only say that all that was possible under the existing circumstances was being done. The detailed check takes hours together, the stock was not being checked merely in detail as the Treasury Officer could not find the required time for it to do it himself and this was all along being done by the Treasurer.

6. Whether the rule (Article 303 M.C.A.C. Vol.II) requiring the Deputy Commissioners to check the stock of stamps in detail at least once in each half year has been followed and if so when the stock was last so checked and whether any discrepancy was noticed then.

7 Whether the stock of stamps was verified by you on the forenoon of 5th April 1928 when you assumed charges of the Mysore District and if so, whether no discrepancy was noticed. (Vide Article 304 M.C.A.C. Vol.II)

Deputy Commissioner's reply.

As regards paragraphs 6 and 7 of the Comptroller's letter, I have to state that it has not been possible for me in this heavy district with an enormous number of offices to inspect annually and a very large volume of work to get through, to check the stamps in detail in the District Treasury. But I have got it verified in detail by the Probationary Assistant Commissioner on 28-3-1925 and by my District Office Accountants in subsequent inspections. The stock was not checked by me in detail on the 5th April 1928 when I took charge on return from leave nor has it been checked by any other officer to whom I have handed over charge on other occasions as it takes full five hours to check the stock of stamps in the Mysore District Treasury.

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Sri Raghavachar
Deputy Comptroller

Submitted to the Deputy Commissioner,

Reference:- Explanation regarding defalcation in stamps in the District Treasury, Mysore.

Questions, 1 and 5.

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Adequate arrangements are not made. The stamps as they are now, are not quite safe from the hands of unscrupulous Gollars etc., though the same are not at all accessible to outsiders. The exact condition is detailed by me in my note of explanation tendered on 25th May 1928. Some of the defects pointed out therein have since been rectified. Some more almirahs are got and there is no room for more and the issue stock system has been introduced and the issue of postal stationery has been transferred to the Mysore Taluk. What is urgently needed still is to provide doors with locks for the open shelves, and to get better sort of Gollars on higher pay who can furnish security.

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Copy of letter No.C.C.50/27-28 dated 4th ~~July~~ August 1928, from the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, to the Comptroller to the Government of Mysore, Bangalore.

Loss of Stamps- District Treasury, Mysore.

With reference to your letter No.1215 TAD B dated 25-5-1928 (and subse quent reminders) calling for certain details regardingthe loss of Stamps in the Mysore District Treasury, I have the honour to forward herewith for you information copy of my letter No.C.C. 50/27-28 dated 5-7-1928 to the Revenu Commissioner together with a copy of one of its enclosures and to state tha the office did not send the copy to your earlier as the other enclosures were sent in original to the Revenue Commissioner without retaining copies and the office has been waiting for copies from the Revenue Commissioner's office. To avoid further delay I am now sending the copy of the available enclosure and will be sending copies of the others as soon as they are received from the Revenue Commissioner's office; or if it is not inconvinient to you, I would suggest your getting copies of the enclosures direct from the Revenue Commissioner's office. I am sorry for the delay and mistake committed in my office.

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Sd Sreenivasmurthy
Superintendent,
Comptroller's office
23
31.8.28

Submitted to the Deputy Commissioner.

Reference:- No.C.R.105/27-28 dated 4th May 1928 from the Commissioner of Stamps in Mysore re: the loss of stamps in the District Treasury and calling for a detail report in the matter.

The loss of stamps in this treasury was not one so much to lack of supervision as to the plans of strong room and the procedure in vogue in this treasury.

There is an underground vault containing all cash (excluding mint boxes of one anna nickel and 3 pie and one pie bronze which are kept in the barred room above the vault) and the currency notes and a good number of boxes deposited for safe custody. This vault has an iron door with two locks. This contains almost all the cash in the treasury and corresponds to the strong room in other treasuries and both the District Treasury Officer and the Treasurer are present whenever it is opened.

Above this vault is an iron barred room with one door which may be called the single lock room. In this room are stocked all the stamps both Mysore and H.M.S. in almirahs and open shelves in a loft at a height of about 7 feet from the ground.

The treasury officer is not required to be and cannot on account of other work possibly be present whenever this room is opened.

The stamps which should have been in the Strong room were thus for want of space kept in the single lock room and on open shelves.

The magnitude of stock and heavy work in the treasury should also be taken into consideration. The Treasury issues stamps to vendors direct. To count the stock of each kind, which is in thousands, each time stamps are issued, would occupy hours.

The routine transactions are very heavy and the District Treasury fficer is not merely a treasury officer but also Assistant to the eputy Commissioner in several Branches. There are many occasions hen both the District Treasury officer and the Treasurer are inside

the vault below, for hours together and on such occasions anything happen in the barred single lock room above, where the stamps are kept. I believe that the loss in the present case was rendered possible by all these circumstances combined. Besides in this treasury it has been usual for the treasurer to be in charge of the stamps for the Treasury officer and supervise their issue.

The defect referred to above may be rectified as follows:-

1. For the articles kept in the open shelves in the single lock room closed lofts should be provided.

2. The Collars should be required to furnish security and the pay of the appointment enhanced so as to get a better class of men. (Proposal on the subject have been submitted already).

3. The Collar and the Shroff who deal with stamp should be changed every three months.

4. To facilitate check a small stock of stamps required for daily issue may be kept apart from the main stock of stamps. The main stock should be under seal and opened only when the quantity in the issue stock is depleted and the stamps are required for issue. The main stock need be counted only when any quantity is taken out and that too in the denomination that is taken out and this will be perhaps twice a month. The arrangement of having a single lock stock with the Treasure is not convinient in this treasury as sufficient stock cannot be kept with the Treasurer for the frequent issues to the vendor in large quantities usual here.

The work of issuing stamps to the Post Office which is now done in this treasury may be transferred to the Taluk Treasury.

To facilitate issue of stamps at the beginning of the day's work vendors may be required to give approximate indents a day previous to the day of issue.

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H. Seemvasamule
Superintendent,
Comptroller's office
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OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER TO THE GOVERNMENT
OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

No. TAD.B.1216.dl 13 Bangalore, dated 26th May 1928.

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From

S. SHAMANNA, Esq., B.A.,
Comptroller to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
BANGALORE.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY
8 JUNE 1928
No.

To

B.Srinivasa Iyengar Esq., B.A., B.L.,
Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
Financial Department.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith copies of the marginally noted reports received by me from the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District re the defalcation of Stamps of the aggregate value of Rs. 3,552-14-0 in the Mysore District Treasury, and to state that I have called for certain additional information from the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District in my letter No. 1215 TADB dated 25th ~~16th~~ May 1928 (Copy enclosed). On receipt of his reply a further report will be submitted to Government.

2. Action is being taken for the sale of Government Promissory notes offered by the treasurer as security for adjusting the value of stamps found short.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

A. Raghavendra
for Comptroller.

1. Letter No. CC.50/27-28 dated 25-4-1928.
2. do " CC.50/27-28 " 27-4- " "
3. do do " 28-4- " "

28-5-28

Copy of the letter No. C.C.50/-27-28 dated 25th April 1928, from A.V.Ramanathan, Esq., B.A., Deputy Commissioner, Mysore Dt, to S.Shamanna, Esq., B.A., Comptroller to the Government of Mysore, Bangalore.

" I have the honor to send herewith copy of my letter No. of today's date, to the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore reporting shortage in stamps of various denominations of the aggregate value of Rs. 3,552-14-0 in the District Treasury, and of its enclosures as per margin."

5 Enclosures sent herewith.

COPY of the letter No. 50/27-28 dated 27th April 1928 from the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, to the Comptroller to the Government of Mysore, Bangalore.

In continuation of my letter No. C.C.50 of 1927-28 dated the 25th instant reporting the loss of stamps in the Mysore District Treasury, I have the honor to invite your kind reference to the order passed by me (a copy was enclosed with the letter referred to above) regarding the adjustment of the value of the stamps lost out of the Security furnished by Mr. G.R.Ranganna, Treasurer, and to request you to kindly take early steps to realise the amount for adjusting the advance made to him to make up the deficiency of the stock of stamps in the Treasury.

The security amount in question is in 6½ per cent State Loan Bonds for Rs 6,000 and ~~5~~ 5½ per cent State Loan Bonds for Rs 1,000/-, and is in your custody (Vide correspondence ending with your letter No. 1383/S& dated 5-4-1927).

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Copy of the letter No. C.C.No. 50/27-28 dated 28th April 1928 from the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, to the Comptroller to the Government of Mysore, Bangalore.

" I have the honor to forward herewith for your information copy of my letter No.C.C.50/27-28 dated 27th April 1928 to the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore., together with its enclosures reporting that the loss of stamps in the District Treasury has been referred to the Police for investigation.

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"Copy"
H Saraswathi
Superintendent
7.8.28.

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Office of the Deputy Commissioner
Mysore District.

Dated Mysore, 25th April 1928.

From

A.V.Ramanathan, Esq., B.A.,

Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District.

To

P.G.D'Souza, Esq., B.A., B.L.,

Revenue Commissioner, in Mysore,

B a n g a l o r e.

Subject:-

Shortage of Receipt stamps, Copying papers, Postal Cards, etc., in the District Treasury; Mysore.

Sir,

I have the honour to state that on arrival at Mandya Camp at 11-30 A.M. today from Hulikere, I received a report from my Personal Assistant Mr. P.H.Krishna Rao, who was temporarily in charge of the District Treasury yesterday owing to the absence of Mr. Krishna Urs on casual leave, that a shortage in Receipt Stamps, Copying papers, and postal cards etc., to the aggregate value of Rs. 3,552-14-0 was found yesterday on counting the entire stock in the District Treasury. The stock in General and Court-fee stamps was however found correct. I therefore returned to Mysore expeditiously by motor after breakfast and made enquiries into the matter. The circumstances under which the detailed counting was undertaken yesterday is explained in the District Treasurer's report to the Treasury Officer (copy enclosed). After inspection of the District Treasury Strong Chamber and a preliminary question of Mr. D.KrishnaUrs, the Permanent Treasury Officer, Mr.P.H.Krishna Rao and the Treasurer and on examination of the Stock Registers and of the last dates when the particular classes of stamps in which shortages have been now found was counted in detail by a gazetted Officer, I called for the remarks of Mr. Krishna Urs and called upon the Treasurer to show cause why the entire shortage should not be made good from his security amount and he be dealt with departmentally further. His

His explanation, as well as Mr. Krishna Urs' report is also sent herewith.

In the above circumstances, I have passed orders as per copy enclosed.

, directing that the value of the shortage be made good from the Treasurer's Security amount. I shall pass further orders after more detailed investigation.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant

Sd/- A.V. Ramanathan

Deputy Commissioner

Mysore District.

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Sd/- A.V.Ramanathan.

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A.C. Seenivasmurthy
Superintendent
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ubmitted.

OARDING STAMPS IN THE DISTRICT TREASURY.

Por issue of stamps to licensed vendors Taluks and Post Offices, Collar Borayya was taking them from the main store and I was attending to this by checking the issue and giving them out. As Collar orayya died on Sunday the 22nd instant Shroff Rama Rao was asked o take the stamps for issue to Vendors and to Post Office yesterday s it was an indent day. While taking out stamps he found difficulty n giving out the balance. So he was asked by me to count in detail he denominations he was asked to take and give out the balance. hile taking out the receipt stamps, the balance noted by Collar orayya the stamps could not be found in counting. I brought this to he kind notice of the Personal Assistant who was in charge of the Treasury. The personal Assistant was pleased to order that the whole stock stamps be thoroughly counted and was present during the whole period.

The following deficits were found on detailed examination. In Receipt Stamps for 1777 sheets noted by Collar Borayya on the stock only 1514 sheets were forthcoming and 263 sheets valued Rs 105 Rs Missing.

In copying sheets 16 rooms and 192 sheets valued Rs 1024 were missing.

In Postal stationary Reply Cards of 6 rooms 13 packets and 6 cards valued Rs. 186-14-0 were missing.

Square envelopes 2 rooms and 10 packets valued Rs 70/- were Missing.

In one anna booklets 2 rooms and 260 booklets value Rs 1220/- were mmmingx wanting.

Thus in all Rs 3552-14-0 worth of Mysore and Postal Stamps are missing.

Copying sheets, post cards and envelopes were kept on the

P.T.O.

loft in the chamber arranged in two rows one behind the other.

The back bundles were found to have been tampered with.

Sd/- C.R.Ranganna.

District Treasurer.
25-4-1928.

As the District Treasurer according to his own statement was responsible for the safe custody and issue of stamps etc., he will show cause why the amount of deficiency viz., Rs. 3552-14-0 should not be made good from his security amount, and also explain how this big shortage has been made possible in spite of his being present whenever stamps etc., were issued from the main stock.

Sd. P.H.E.

Personal Assistant to the
Deputy Commissioner.

25-4-1928.

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Sd/- A.V.Ramanathan.

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K. Sreenivasmurthy
Superintendent
7-4-28

MCB.

Report dated 25th April 1928 from the District Treasury, Mysore District.

In obedience to the order to show cause why the deficiency in Stamps detected yesterdayx should not be made good from my Security amount, I beg to submit as follows:-

In this Treasury there is no Single Lock for Stamps. The main store is in the custody of the Treasury Officer. The stock is very heavy in this Treasury valued lakhs.

On indent days the keys of the Stamps are got from the Treasury Officer and I attend to the issues.

The method adopted in taking stamps is as follows:-

On looking into the issue Register I ask the Gollar to take out the required number of stamps of a given denomination. I will be seated in the middle of the Chamber in the seat provided and the Gollar takes out stamps from the Almirahs situated at a distance. After taking out stamps he used to give the balance figure and if tallied I used to tick of.

After taking out all the stamps he used to come to my seat with all the stamps taken out and count them again in my presence.

Thus in taking out stamps there was check and counter check.

As I had to attend to this work in addition to the daily transactions of this treasury which is very heavy I was unable to check the balances in detail.

I was paying particular attention to the issues of stamps by adopting check and counter check.

As regards the scope for fraud I beg to submit that while taking stamps my attention was constantly diverted by attending to Chellans and Vouchers of the day's transactions and noting them in my Cash Book in the Chamber. The Gollar who was taking out Stamps had thus opportunities to steal Receipt Stamps and Booklets and pocketx them.

When the issue of stamps was very heavy he had to bring the... out of the Chamber twice or thrice after my coming out locking the almirahs. By going in and coming out twice or thrice he had opportunities to remove copying sheets and Postal Covers and Cards which were open and accessible and bring them along with the stamps taken out as I would be engaged in the transaction.

That he was giving out book balances may be seen from the figure he has noted on the Receipt Stamps, Copying Sheets, &c.,

I have already put in more than 30 years of honest service under Government.

That I am innocent in the affair can be kindly made out from the fact that I myself brought the deficit in st...p... to the kind notice of the Per...onal Assistant yesterday.

I pray that in consideration of my long service and my innocence in the affair I may kindly be pardoned.

If arrangements had been made to is...ue stamps from the Single lock as in the case of service stamps, there would have been, I beg to submit, no scope for committing fraud.

"Copy"

Sd/- A.V.Ramanathan.

Deputy Commissioner,.
Mysore District.

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K Sreenivasmurthy
Superintendent
7-4-50

MCB.

Report dated 25th April 1928 from Mr. P.H.Krishna Rao, personal Assistant to the Deputy Commissioner, to the Deputy Commissioner.

In continuation of My D.O. of yesterday reporting the shortage in the Stock of Postage Cards, Envelopes, one anna booklets and Receipt Stamps and Copying sheets, I am enclosing for your information the Memo given by the District Treasurer as to how the shortage was possible in spite of the District Treasurer being present throughout when stamps were put in or taken out of the main store.

I was in charge of the District Treasury yesterday as Mr.D.Krisha Urs was on casual leave. On being informed that a shortage was found in the Receipt Stamps, I immediately went to the Treasury and found that 263 sheets were short. A thorough examination was therefore made in my presence of the entire stock and the deficiency as reported yesterday was found. It was 11-30 P.M. before the examination was over. I intimated the fact to Mr. Krishna Urs simultaneously with writing the D.O. to the Deputy Commissioner.

Mr. Krishne Urs as being the permanent District Treasury Officer will give his report as to how this shortage was possible. So far as I could see yesterday it seems to have occurred because Gollar Bora who was entrusted with handling the stamps etc., was taken too much on trust by the District Treasurer and the balance as given out by him was accepted as correct without being checked by the Treasurer even occasionally. For instance under copying sheets according to the registers, there should have been 108 packets but there was only 98 packets and out of these 17 packets had been tampered with. On counting the paper in these 17 packets they came up to only 10 packets of 500 sheets each and 302 sheets. Gollar Bora appears to have been extracting these papers off and on for some time from the several packets. These copying papers as well as the postage envelopes and Cards are kept on a loft in the District Treasury and it was not the practice for any one else to go up a ladder to the loft and count the packets or papers. Bora who died on Sunday last (22nd April 1928) is said to have been giving the correct book balances when asked to give out the

the balance after each issue. The R eceipt Stamps and the One Anna Booklets were however kept in the floor in an almirah and could have been readily counted by the treasurer. They were last counted in detail by Mr. Krishne Urs on 28th January 1928 and certified to ~~xxx~~ be correct.

I suggest that under the circumstances the value of the shortage, namely, Rs 3,552-14-0 may be ordered to be made good from the Security Deposit of the Treasurer.

"Copy"

Sd/- A.V.Ramanathan.
Deputy Commissioner,
Mysore District.

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A Srinivasamurthy
Superintendent
7/8/29

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The following stamps were checked in detail by the undersigned on the dates noted against each.

Particulars.	Dates of inspection.
Postage and Service Labels.	28-1-1928.
Receipt Stamps.	-Do-
Share Transfer Stamps.	-Do-
Excise Agreement papers.	-Do-
General Stamps.	14-9-1927.
Court Fees Stamps.	28-1-1928.
Opium.	14-11-1927
Hundi Stamps.	28-1-1928.

Sd/- D.Krishna Urs,

District Treasury Officer,
Mysore.

25-4-1928.

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Sd/- A.V.Ramanathan.

Deputy Commissioner,
Mysore District.

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K. Sreenivasmurthy
Superintendent

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The loss has occurred admittedly owing to the negligence of the Treasurer. He must take the consequences of his negligence. The sum of Rs. 3552-14-0 will be adjusted by realisation of his security amount to this extent. The Comptroller will be addressed accordingly. The Treasurer must furnish fresh security to this extent before 31st May 1928.

I shall decide the question of departmental punishment after further investigation.

Pending intimation by the Comptroller that the security has been realised in cash to the above extent, the amount of Rs Rs. 3,552-14-0 will be shown as an advance against the Treasurer Mr. G.R.Ranganna and the correct balances of the several stamps etc., entered in the books under date 26-4-1928 as the books have been closed for the day.

Sd/- A.V.Ramanathan.

Deputy Commissioner.
Mysore District.

25th April 1928.

"Copy"

Sd/- A.V.Ramanathan.

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K. Sreenivasamurthy
Superintendent
H.A.D.B.

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Office of the Deputy Commissioner,

Mysore District,

Dated Mysore, 5th April 1928.

1. We certify that the furniture Register and the Catalogues of books of this office have been properly written up and kept up-to-date. The articles and books have been counted and examined by the Personal Assistant Mr. H.Basavaraj Urs on 1st August 1927. They are in good condition and agree with the furniture Register and catalogue of books as written up to this day.

2. I Mr. A.V.Ramanathan, B.A., (relieving Officer) certify that I have this day taken over the sum of rupees three hundred only being the permanent advance of this office from Mr. T.G. Rama Iyer., B.A., (Relieved Officer) and this amount is due from and has to be accounted for by me.

Sd/- T.G.Rama Iyer.
Signature of Relieved Officer.

Sd/- A.V.Ramanathan.
Signature of Relieving Officer.

M y s o r e.
Dated 5th April 1928.

" Copy "

K Srinivasmurthy
Superintendent

MCB.

Letter No. C.C.50/27-28 dated 27th April 1928, from the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, to the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, Bangalore.

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In continuation of my letter No. C.C.50/27-28 dated the 25th April 1928, regarding the loss of stamps in the District Treasury, Mysore, I have the honour to inform you that the matter has been referred to the police on a formal complaint by Mr. P.H.Krishna Rao, the Head Clerk of the Treasury, when loss was discovered. The copy of the complaint is enclosed for perusal.

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sd/-. P.H. Krishna Rao.

For Deputy Commissioner,
Mysore District

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Mysore.
27th April 1928.

Dear Mr. Siddaraj Urs.

On 24-4-1928 I was in charge of the District Treasury as Mr. D.Krishna Urs, the permanent Treasury Officer was on casual leave. The District Treasurer informed me in the evening that there was a shortage in the stock of one anna receipt stamps. I immediately went to the Treasury and found that 263 sheets were short. A thorough examination was therefore made in my presence of the entire stock and the following deficiencies were found.

		Number.	Value.
1.	Receipt stamps.	263 sheets.	1052-0-0
2.	Reply post cards.	6 reams 13 packets and 6 cards(reply)	186-14-0
3.	Postage envelopes.	2 reams 10packets	70- 0-0
4.	Copying Sheets.	16 reams 192 sheets	1024- 0-0
5.	One anna stamp Booklets	1220.	1220- 0-0
		Total. Rs.	3552-14-0

It was 11-30 P.M. before the examination was over. I wrote a D.O. letter immediately to the Deputy Commissioner who was in Maddya and gave it to Shroff Rama Rao to go by the morning train and deliver it urgently at the Deputy Commissioner's camp. I also wrote to Mr. Krishna Urs and sent the letter with Gollar Madiah.

The Deputy Commissioner and Mr. Krishna Urs came to the Treasury on 25-4-1928 and after preliminary enquiry a report of the loss was sent to the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, the Chief Secretary, the Financial Secretary and the Comptroller. You know you were sent for and instructions issued as Gollar Borayya who was entrusted with the counting and issue of the stamps etc., had died suddenly on 22-4-1928, and he was

suspected of the theft. Instructions were also issued to me and to the Treasury Officer to make further enquiries. Under the instructions of the Deputy Commissioner issued to-day as the result of further enquiries, I am making this formal complaint so that further steps may be taken to trace the culprits and the property.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/- P.H.Krishna Rao,

Personal Assistant to the
Deputy Commissioner,
Mysore District.

"Copy"

Sd/- A.V.Ramanathan.

Deputy Commissioner,
Mysore District.

A Sreenivasmurthy
Superintendent
7-4-50

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No. 1215/T.A.D. B. Dated Bangalore, 28th May 1928.

From

The Comptroller to the
Government of H.H.the Maharaja of Mysore,
B a n g a l o r e.

To

The Deputy Commissioner,
Mysore District,
M y s o r e.

Sir,

Referring to your letter No. CC 50/27-28 dated 25th April 1928 forwarding to me a copy of your letter to the Revenue Commissioner re defalcation in stamps in the Mysore District Treasury, to the extent of Rs 3552-14-0, I have the honour to request that you will be so good as to furnish information on the following points :-

1. Whether the stock certificate at the end of each month which was prescribed in para 58 of the standing rules (videpara 30 of XXXII of Mysore Civil Account Code Vol,II.), is being furnished by the District Treasury to the Commissioner of Stamps and the Pay and Account officer and whether such a certificate is based on actual stock verification or book balances only.

2. Whether adequate arrangements as prescribed by rules (para 17 of Appendix XXXII Mysore Civil Account Code Vol. 11 and article 327 Vol. 11) requiring the stock of these stamps to be kept in the double lock-rooms and also adequately protected, have been made and whether if they have not been so secured, the defect in the arrangement has been previously noticed and an action has been taken to set it right.

3. Whether the Treasury officer who is stated to have counted and verified the particular denominations on 14-9-1927 and 28-1-1928 actually counted them by taking out the entrie stock himself or contented himself a test check personally, leaving out stock which was not prominently placed.

4. The last date on which the stock of copying papers , post cards and envelopes was checked in detail by the Treasury Officer and the result of such a check.

5. Why the regular check prescribed by the certificate furnished to the Commissioner of Stamps has not been followed by the present Treasury Officer and whether such a check was being done hither to in the District Treasury.

6. Whether the rule (article 303 M.C.A.C. Vol. II.) requiring the Deputy Commissioner to check the stock of stamps in detail at least once in each half year has been followed and if so when the stock was last so checked and whether any discrepancy was noticed then.

7. Whether the stock of stamps was verified by the forenoon of 5th April 1928 when you assumed the charge of the Mysore District and if so whether no discrepancy was noticed,(vide article 304 of the M.C.A.C. Vol. II.)

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

Sd/- S.Shamanna.
Comptroller.

" Copy "

Superintendent,
Records Section,
Comptroller's Office.

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OFFICE OF THE REVENUE COMMISSIONER
IN MYSORE,
Camp Sagar, 10th August 192-
Dated Bangalore xxx 20th

FROM

P. G. D'SOUZA, ESQ., B.A., B.L.,
REVENUE COMMISSIONER IN MYSORE.

RM 43-4-3

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government
of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.

C.B. 721.

SIR,

With reference to your Memo. No. 5815/C.B. dated 23rd May 1928 forwarding copy of your letter No. 5814/C.B. dated 23rd May 1928 addressed to the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, in regard to the shortage of stamps of the aggregate value of Rs.3552-14-0 in the Mysore District Treasury, I have the honor to forward herewith copy of letter No. C.C.50/27-28 dated the 4th July 1928 from the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, furnishing the explanation of the officers concerned for the omission to carry out the specific directions imposed by standing orders in regard to the securing of the stamps and precautions to be followed when they are taken for issue. The Deputy Commissioner pleads that owing to heavy work, it was not possible for him to check the stamps in detail, but he got them verified in detail on a previous occasion. As far as the Treasury Officer is concerned, his explanation implies that he merely continued a system that obtained long prior to his appointment as Treasury Officer, but this cannot be considered a sufficient excuse as it was obviously his duty to follow standing orders strictly and take steps to remove the difficulties alleged to exist in giving effect to them.

2. The accompanying copy of a letter No. H.C.771/27-28 dated the 19th June 1928 from the Assistant Superintendent of Police, Mysore City, to the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, furnishes necessary particulars as far as the facts of the case are concerned and the extent of evidence of criminal offence that has been gathered by the Police investigation.

3. As the culprit, Gollar Boranna, who seems to have been primarily responsible for the theft, is now dead probably by suicide as surmised by the Police, and no suspicious circumstances have been elicited to establish any criminal complicity on the part of any other official in the theft, the two questions for decision are, (1) whether the responsibility for the entire loss should be thrown on the Treasurer Ranganna who by his implicit trust in the Gollar, allowed the latter to abstract the stamps, as has been done by the Deputy Commissioner, or (2) whether the District Treasury Officer, Mr. Krishne Urs, who did not exercise proper supervision, should also be made to bear a part of the loss.

4. There is absolutely no doubt that the thefts were entirely facilitated by the gross incompetence of the Treasurer who seems to have exercised no check over the Gollar, and trusted him implicitly. As the Treasurer is most in fault, it is but proper that he should be forced to make good the bulk of the amount In regard to the security furnished by the Treasurer, I enclose herewith a Copy of report of the Deputy Commissioner dated 4.8.28 on the objections that have been lodged on his behalf to utilize the amount to make good the loss. The arguments urged have no substance and we need not be deterred on account of the notice issued on his behalf from recouping the loss out of the security amount.

5. The main fault of the Treasurer has been a foolish and over-trusting confidence in the Gollar and his failure to watch his actions and exercise any check over him. As he (Treasurer) does not seem to have personally benefitted in any way of the fraud, it would be a heavy punishment to make him liable for the whole loss. I would therefore suggest that two-thirds of the amount may be recovered from him and 1/6th of the amount from the District Treasury Officer who is not altogether free from blame, and the balance remitted. If Government are disposed to take a still more lenient view, I think half the amount, viz., Rs.1776-7-0, may be recovered

from the Treasurer, and Rs.214-9-0 from the Treasury Officer, and the balance remitted.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Revenue Commissioner.

M.B.R.

Letter No. TAD. B. 1215/25th May 1928 from the Comptroller to the Government of Mysore to the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore Dt.

Referring to your letter No. C C&50/27-28 dated 26th April 1928 forwarding to me copy of your letter to the Revenue Commissioner re defalcation in stamps in the Mysore District Treasury to the extent of Rs. 3,552-14-0 I have the honour to request that you will be so good as to furnish information on the following points:-

1. Whether the stock certificate at the end of each month which was prescribed in para 58 of the standing rules (vide para 38 of XXXII Mysore Civil Account Code Vol. 88), is being furnished by the District Treasury to the Commissioner of Stamps and the pay and Account Officer and whether such a certificate is based on actual stock verification or book balance only.

2. Whether adequate arrangements as prescribed by rules (para 17 of Appendix XXXII M.C.A.C Vol. II and Art. 327 Vol. II) requiring the stock of these stamps to be kept in the double lock rooms and also adequately protected, have been made and whether if they have not been so secured, the defect in the arrangement has been previously noticed and any action has been taken to set it right.

3. Whether the Treasury Officer who is stated to have counted and verified the particular denominations on 14-9-27 and 28-1-28 actually counted them by taking out the entire stock himself or contented himself with a test check personally, leaving out stock which was not prominently placed.

4. The last date on which the stock of copying papers, Post cards and envelopes was checked in detail by the Treasury Officer and the result of such a check.

5. Why the regular check prescribed by the certificate furnished to the Commissioner of Stamps has not been followed by the present Treasury Officer and whether such a check was being done hitherto in the Distri t Treasury.

6. Whether the rule (Art. 303 M.A.C. Vol. II) requiring the Deputy Commissioners to check the stock of s stamps in detail at least once in each half year has been followed, and if so when the stock was last so checked and whether any discrepancy was noticed then.

7. Whether the stock of stamps was verified by you on the forenoon of the 5th April 1928 when you assumed charge of the Mysore District and if so whether no discrepancy was noticed (vide Art. 304 MGA.C Vol. II)

A very early reply is requested.

"Copy"

For Deputy Commissioner,
Mysore District.

S.G.

Submitted to the Deputy Commissioner

Ref^ce:- Explanation, re. defalcation in stamps in the District Treasury, Mysore.

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The Statements of the two Stamp Accountants in this connection - enclosed for kind perusal show that at no time, prior to the issue of the G.O. no 1024-5 Books dt 13-12-27, by the Comptroller & to the return of the October Accts by the Stamp Commissioner, such certificates were being furnished.

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3/7/28

Treasurer & Stamp Accts will explain if the Certificate as contemplated in para 58 of Acct Code Vol II, was being furnished all along, or if it began only after the October Stamp Accts were returned by the Stamp Commissioner

D. T. O 3/7/28

Submitted

నాకు ఖజానాలు చూసే ఉద్యోగానికి ముందు 2-4 సంవత్సరాలు ఆ ఖజానాలకు Half yearly certificate కూడా రాసి పంపించినట్లు జ్ఞాపకం ఉన్నది. కాని 1927 సంవత్సరం తరువాత 1927 నవంబరు డిసెంబరు నెలలకు ఖజానాలకు సంబంధించిన రాసినట్లు జ్ఞాపకం లేదు. part 6-4/27-28 dated 17.11.28 ప్రకారం ఖజానాలకు 58 rules ను అనుసరించి certificate రాసి పంపవలసిన అవసరం లేదని జ్ఞాపకం. ఆ నిబంధనలు అమలులో ఉన్నట్లు ఎవరికీ తెలియదు. ఈ

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SUBMITTED TO THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER.

Reference:- No.C.R. 105/27-28 dated 4th may 1928 from the Commissioner of Stamps in Mysore re: the loss of stamps in the District Treasury and calling for a detail report in the matter.

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The loss of stamps in this Treasury was not due so much to lack of supervision as to the plans of the strong room and the proceedure in vogue in this Treasury.

There is an underground vault containing all cash (excluding mint boxes of one anna nickel and 3 pie and one pie bronze which are kept in the barred room above the vault) and the currency notes and a good number of boxes deposited for safe custody. This vault has an iron door with two locks. This contains almost all the cash in the Treasury and ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ correspondence to the strong room in other treasuries and both the District Treasury officer and the Treasurer are present whenever it is opened.

Above this vault is an iron barred room with one door which may be called the single lock room. In this room are stocked all the stamps both Mysore and H.M.S. in almirahs and in opened shelves in a loft at a height of about 7 feet from the ground.

The Treasury officer is not required to be and cannot on account of other work possibly be present whenever this room is opened.

The stamps which should have been in the strong room were thus for want of space kept in the

the single lock room and on open shelves.

The magnitude of the stock and heavy work in the Treasury should also be taken into consideration. The Treasury issues stamps to vendors direct. To count ~~of each kind~~ the stock of each kind, which is in thousands, each time stamps are issued, would occupy ~~xxxx~~ hours.

The routine transactions are very heavy and the District Treasury officer is not merely a Treasury Officer but also Assistant to the Deputy Commissioner in several Branches. There are many occasions when both the District Treasury Officer and the Treasurer are inside the vault below, for hours together and on such occasions anything might happen in the barred single lock room above where the stamps are kept. I believe that the loss in the present case was rendered possible by all these circumstances combined. Besides in this Treasury it has been usual for the Treasurer to be incharge of the stamps for the Treasury officer and supervise their issue.

The defects referred to above may be rectified as follows:-

1. For the articles kept in the open shelves in the single lock room closed lofts should be provided.
2. The Collars should be required to furnish security and the pay of the appointment enhanced so as to get a better class of men. (Proposals on the subject have been submitted already).
3. The Collar and the Shroff who deal with stamps should be changed every three months.
4. To facilitate check a small stock of stamps required for daily issues may be kept appart from the main stock of stamps. The main stock should

should/be under seal and opened only when the quantity in the issue stock is depleted and stamps are required for issue. The main stock need be counted only when any quantity is taken out and that too in the denomination that is taken out and this will be perhaps twice a month. The arrangement of having a single lock stock with the Treasurer is not convenient in this Treasury as sufficient stock cannot be kept with the Treasurer for the frequent issues to the vendor in large quantities usual here~~has~~.

The work of issuing stamps to the Post office which is now done in this Treasury may be transferred to the Taluk Treasury.

To facilitate issue of stamps at the beginning of the days work vendors may be required to give approximate indents a day previous to the day of issue.

D. T. O
25/5/18

Letter No. H.C.771/27-28 dated the 19th June 1928 from the Assistant Superintendent of Police, Mysore City, to the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District.

With reference to the D.C. No. C.1897/27-28 dated 27-4-1928 from the Personal Assistant to the Deputy Commissioner, to the Deputy Commissioner, a copy of which was forwarded to me for investigation, reporting shortage of Receipt Stamps, Reply Post Cards, Copying sheets, Postage Envelopes and one anna stamp Booklets to the aggregate value of Rs.3552-14-0, in the District Treasury, and suspecting Gollar Boriah of the theft who was entrusted with the counting and issue of stamps etc., I have the honor to state that the case was investigated taking the starting point for the date of theft to be from the 12th August 1926, i,e., the date of inspection by the Assistant Comptroller, who has certified to the correct balance on hand then.

Gollar Boriah was the person who was helping the Treasurer in the taking out of the indented articles in stamps, covers etc., and to their despatch. He was the only person who had access to the Strong Room besides the Treasurer and had opportunities to commit the theft; he was working in this capacity in the Treasury ever since June 1926; it was also learnt that this man was lavishly spending money of late, indulging in costly luxuries and living beyond his means, his sudden death on 22-4-1928 was significant and it was found that he had committed suicide, by taking opium.

The theft of a large number of articles suggests their systematic removal and the existence of accomplices in their disposal, probably, stamp vendors. It was learnt that Gollar Boriah used to carry the articles of indents of vendors to their houses and that vendor Rama Rao was closely moving with Boriah. The Indent Registers of the vendors were looked into and it was found that there was a marked decrease in the number of copying sheets and receipt stamps in the indents of Rama Rao from October 1926. This is suspicious.

As regards the disposal of Postage Cards, Covers and Stamps, the local merchants are selling these with a profit, and enquiries were made if the accused Boriah used to sell any of the postage articles to these merchants and their account books were looked into for this purpose but to no avail.

Enquiries were also made with a view to find out if there were any accomplices of this Boriah, among the Treasury officials. According to the statement of Ranganna, the Treasurer, the Strong Room is opened by the Gollar in his presence and the indented articles are taken out one by one by the Gollar according to the direction of the Treasurer. The Gollar then counts each article and gives out the balance in stock, which is to agree with the book balance, after the articles taken out are counted once again in the presence of the Treasurer, before they are despatched. It becomes evident that the theft would have been impossible if the Treasurer had been more careful and less reliant on the Gollar's version of the balance in stock. If the Treasurer had taken the precaution of actually counting the articles in stock, instead of leaving it to the Gollar, no room would have been given for the theft. It is also learnt that the Gollar had managed to win the good will and confidence of the Treasurer by personal service to him. At best, the Treasurer appears to have been negligent and careless, but not criminally culpable. The following instances are also significant.

An indent of supply of stamps etc., was received from Seringapatam Taluk Office on 19-8-1927 in the Treasury and the articles were despatched on 21-8-1927. Subsequently, the Amildar reported about the non-receipt of shortage stamps. Thereupon Gollar Boriah was sent to Seringapatam to check, on the suggestion of the Treasurer. Boriah subsequently brought a report from the Amildar that the stamp sheets were found between the cover packets.

Another indent received from the same Taluk on 27-2-1928 was complied with and a report was received from the Amildar

that he found one sheet of receipt stamps short. A reply was sent to the Amildar on 14-3-1928 that the stock in the District Treasury was checked and found correct and the indented articles were checked thrice before despatch. The Amildar again reported that one sheet of receipt stamps was short. Thereupon the Treasury Officer asked the explanation of the Treasurer, which was not forthcoming. When asked about this, the Treasurer denied of having seen the reference at all, and that he initialled the paper to the Amildar, about the stock in the District Treasury being correct, on the assurance of Rama Rao, the stamp Clerk. Rama Rao who is responsible for correspondence stated that the reference was taken to the Treasurer, who returned it stating that he would get the reply written. This delay of more than 10 days in replying to this important paper is due to this stamp Clerk, Rama Rao, and is significant. It is also learnt that Gollar Boriah had asked Rama Rao, not to issue indents to vendors or Taluks, during his absence. Also he was a great friend of Boriah, constantly going to his house. These circumstances indicate that Rama Rao had knowledge of what was going on in the Treasury.

The house of Boriah and his concubine were searched immediately on receipt of the report of this theft, but nothing incriminating was found. As the articles in question are easily negotiable and unidentifiable, this recovery is rendered impossible, especially in view of this systematic pilfering from the Treasury, making it possible for disposal in small quantities at intervals, so as not to excite suspicion. A charge sheet will be placed against Gollar Boriah in the City Magistrate's Court under Section 381, I.P.C.

" C o p y "

/sd/ G. D. Sarma /

Revenue Commissioner.

M.B.R.

Letter No. C.C.50/27-28 dated 4th ~~July~~ August 1928 from the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, to the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.

With reference to Chief Secretary's letter No. 49/C.B. dated ~~8th~~ 5th July 1928 forwarding for report through you a communication received from Mr. G. Ramanuja Iyengar, Advocate, Mysore, complaining of the alleged injustice in appropriating the security deposit of the Treasurer to make good the shortage in stamps for which the District Treasury Officer is to be held responsible, I have the honor to state in continuation of my letter No. C.C.50/27-28 dated 22-5-1928 that as the work in this Treasury is heavy and as there is no stock of stamps under single lock and none is possible in this District, the District Treasury Officer had entrusted the Treasurer with the duty of issuing stamps from double locks as admitted by the District Treasurer himself. It was therefore the duty of the Treasurer when once he assumed responsibility to take all possible precautions to prevent pilfering. He cannot be negligent in his duties and then turn round and say that the responsibility was that of the District Treasury Officer. If he had declined to shoulder the responsibility, the District Treasury Officer would have perhaps made other arrangements or even at considerable inconvenience he would have himself supervised the stock and issue. The Treasurer must make good the loss which is directly due to his trusting Gollar Borayya too much and he cannot escape liability. It is after taking all these points into consideration that I have passed my order. The petition received with the Chief Secretary's letter is returned herewith.

" C o p y "

Revenue Commissioner.

M.B.R.

his personal capacity and other than as Treasurer. The Deputy Commissioner ir trying to seize at the deposits by his order has strikingly reversed the responsibility and - has yielded, I submit without authority, to the temptation of making good from the easiest quarter. The Superior escapes without a scratch and we find ourselves in the - - sorry position of being held answerable for requital, - - because of the unauthorised methods pursued by the Treasury Officer. I submit that the order for seizure of - - Security Deposits given by us is illegal, unjust and without precedent.

Even assuming by any kind of reasoning that the - - - Treasurer is in any way responsible as such, there remain other questions, such as, whether the deficits occurred after the present Treasurer began to act, and whether he acted negligently etc. to be considered to fasten us with - responsibility and I beg that I may be heard fully in - respect of the matter before Government reaches a decision on the recommendation made bythe Deputy Commissioner in the matter of the seizure and sale of the Security Deposits.

I have the honour to remain,
Dear Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

G. Ramanujaiyengar

From

Mr. G.Ramanuja Iyengar, B.A., B.L.,
Advocate,
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OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER TO THE GOVERNMENT
OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

No. TAD.B. 297. Encl 1 letter

Bangalore, dated 24th August *1928.*
1-9-28

From

S. SHAMANNA, Esq., B.A.,
Comptroller to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
BANGALORE.

CHIEF SECRETARY. 3 SEP. 1928

To

N. Madhava Rao Esq., B.A., B.L.,
Chief Secretary to the
Government of Mysore,
B a n g a l o r e.

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Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith for information a copy of this office letter No. 296 TAD(B) dated 23rd August 1928 (with a copy of its enclosures) addressed to the Financial Secretary, regarding the defalcation of stamps of the aggregate value of Rs.3,552-14-0 in the Mysore District Treasury.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Comptroller.
27.8.28

GENL. & REV. SECTT. 4 SEP. FINANCIAL BRANCH.

As the connected papers are before the H: Secy, this may also be sent to him.

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the treasury to furnish this important certificate to the Stamp Commissioner is serious. The Stamp Commissioner's Office also did not appear to have either watched or insisted on the submission of this prescribed certificate, prior to October 1927.

4. Even the certificates furnished since October 1927 are stated to have been based on mere book balances and not on actually verified stock. The omission on the part of the District Treasury Officer to count stamps in detail as required at least once a month on the last day of the month is another serious irregularity.

5. The rules require that the District Treasury Officer must be personally present during the whole time between the opening and shutting of the strong room (Vide Article 327 (c) T.C.A.C. Volume II). This rule was not followed. Even the Treasurer who was present in the strong room, at the time of issue of stamps is reported to have been negligent in his duties. The Collar in charge of stamps is stated to have been taken too much on trust by the District Treasurer, the balances as given out by him being accepted as correct without independent verification of stock by the Treasurer even occasionally.

6. The District Treasury Officer states that the loss of stamps is not so much due to lack of supervision as to the defective location and situations of the strong room and the procedure in vogue in the treasury. The rules laid down in the Code requiring the presence of the Treasury Officer in the strong room should not have been violated. If it was found that the rules laid down in the Code could not be followed on account of the peculiar situation of the strong room and defects in procedure the matter should have been brought to the notice of the higher authorities and action taken for remedying such defects.

are stocked. It is necessary to provide locks for all open shelves and keep all stamps in locked receptacles.

9. The work of issuing postal stamps to the Post Office is stated to have been transferred to the Mysore Taluq Treasury. The securities furnished by the Taluq Sheristedars and Shroffs are only Rs.500/- each whereas the security of the Treasurer of the Mysore District Treasury is Rs.7,000/- and that of the District Treasury Head Shroff is Rs.1,000/- The transactions of Taluq Treasuries (especially Head Quarter Taluq Treasuries) should be kept at a minimum and these treasuries should not be allowed to have a large stock of cash or stamps. Further, very recently, a defalcation of Rs.13,000/- occurred in the Mysore Taluq Treasury. The transfer of the work to the Mysore Taluq Treasury is therefore in my opinion not desirable.

10. The District Treasury Officer reports that the arrangement of having a single lock stock with the Treasurer is not convenient as sufficient stock cannot be kept with the Treasurer for the ~~payment~~ frequent issues to the vendors in large quantities. He therefore suggests that, to facilitate check, a small stock of stamps required for daily issues may be kept apart from the main stock of stamps (the quantity so kept apart being equal to about a fortnight's demand). I think that the single lock arrangement is more suitable and the stock may be limited to a week's supply (except when the value of stamps, coin, note, etc left with the Treasurer is below the security taken, in which case the single lock stock may be increased by the difference) as in Madras (Vide Para 47 page 280 Madras Stamp Manual) instead of a month's supply allowed in para 19 Appendix XXXII P.C.O.C. Vol.II. The District Treasury Officer will, at the close of every day, check the single lock-stock and sale accounts and satisfy himself that the cash balance including the value of stamps etc in charge of the Treasurer is correct as per accounts

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signed and exceeds neither his current requirements nor the amount of his security as required in Article 531 (d) T.C.A.C. Volume II.

11. The monthly plus and minus memo of stamps sent by the District Treasury to this office does not contain a certificate that the closing stock shown therein agrees with the actual stock. The stock verification certificate is at present required to be sent monthly to the Commissioner of Stamps. I suggest that a copy of this certificate may be required to be sent to this office also along with the monthly plus and minus memo.

12. To enable this office to know whether the figures of the plus and minus memo sent by the treasuries to this office and those of the monthly return sent by the treasuries to the Commissioner of Stamps, do not differ the Commissioner of Stamps may be asked to intimate to this office once in six months, the receipt of the certificates prescribed in Para 80 Appendix XXXII and also the amount of the stock certified to be in balance in each district (Vide Para 72, Page 207, Madras Stamp Manual).

13. In conclusion, I may state that the defalcation has been rendered possible not by any defect of the existing rules but by non-adherence to the prescribed rules of check and responsibility and the defective arrangements in the Treasury Chamber.

14. The case is reported to have been referred to the Police for investigation in April 1928. The result of the investigation is not known and is awaited.

15. Out of the security of Rs.7,000/- offered by the Treasurer (6% State Loan Bonds Rs.6,000/-, 5% State Loan Bonds Rs.1,000/-), 6% Bonds of the face value of Rs.3,200/- were sold

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Statement showing particulars called for from the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore, in this office letter No.1215 TADB dated 25th May 1928 and the replies thereto.

No.	Particulars called for	Replies received.
1.	Whether the stock certificate at the end of each month which was prescribed in Para 58 of the standing rules (Vide Para 30 of Appendix XXXII of M.C.A.C. Volume II) is being furnished by the District Treasury to the Commissioner of Stamps and the Pay and Account Officer and whether such a certificate is based on actual stock verification or book balances only?	Dist. Treasury Officer's reply.
5.	Why the regular check prescribed by the certificate furnished to the Commissioner of Stamps, has not been followed by the present Treasury Officer and whether such a check was being done hitherto in the District Treasury?	1 & 5. The Stamp Certificate as contemplated in Para 58 of M.C.A.C. Vol.II was not being furnished by this treasury, till the omission was pointed out and the October Stamp Accounts were for the first time returned in November. After that this certificate is being furnished, but is based on book balance only, the stock however being checked by the several Treasury Officers now and then in detail. The statements of the two Stamps Accountants in this connection enclosed for kind perusal show that at no time prior to the issue of the circular No.1024-5 Books of 19th December 1927, by the Comptroller and to return of the October account by the Stamp Commissioner, such certificates were being furnished.
2.	Whether adequate arrangements as prescribed by rules (Para 17 of Appendix XXXII M.C.A.C. Vol.II and Article 327 Vol.II) requiring the stock of these stamps to be kept in the double lock rooms and also adequately protected, have been made and whether if they have not as so secured, the defect in the arrangement has been previously noticed and an action has been taken to set it right?	2. Adequate arrangements are not made. The stamps as they are now, are not quite safe from the hands of unscrupulous Gollars etc though the same are not at all accessible to outsiders. The exact condition is detailed by me in my note of explanation tendered on 25th May 1928. Some of the defects pointed out therein have since been rectified. Some more almirahs are got and there is no room for more and the issue stock system has been introduced and the issue of postal stationery has been transferr to the Mysore Taluq. What is urgentl needed still is to provide doors wit locks for the open shelves, and to get better sort of Gollars on higher pay who can furnish security.
3.	Whether the Treasury Officer who is stated to have counted and verified the particular denominations on 14-9-27 and 28-1-28 actually counted them by taking out the entire stock himself or contented himself with a test check personally, leaving out stock which was not prominently placed.	3 & 4. The entire stock was checked by me in detail on 14-9-27 and 28-1-28. On 14-9-27, the packets of Postal Envelopes and Cards were got down from the left and all tamperred or loose packets were opened and counted by me and found to be correct. Again on 28-1-1928, the counting was by packets as they were arranged on the left. The other kinds of stamps, etc were all checked by me, by taking out at random certain packets and sheets

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4. The last date on which the stock of copying papers, post cards and envelopes was checked in detail by the Treasury Officer and the result of such a check.

and personally counting them, while the entire stock was not counted by others in my presence. The copying sheets which are received in and issued by room packets were however on both those occasions checked by packets alone without being taken down from the loft, and had not the least suspicion about them. On these occasions, the stock was found to agree with the book balances. I have also since checked the entire stock myself on these dates also viz., 20-4-1928, 27-5-1928 and 27-6-1928.

In conclusion, I can only say that all that was possible under the existing circumstances was being done. No detailed check takes hours together, the stock was not being checked monthly in detail as the Treasury Officer could not find the required time for it to do it himself and this was all along being done by the Treasurer.

6. Whether the rule (Article 809 L.C.A.C. Vol.II) requiring the Deputy Commissioners to check the stock of stamps in detail at least once in each half year has been followed and if so when the stock was last so checked and whether any discrepancy was noticed then.

Whether the stock of stamps was verified by you on the forenoon of 5th April 1928 when you assumed charges of the Mysore District and if so whether no discrepancy was noticed. (Vide Article 809 L.C.A.C. Vol.II)

Deputy Commissioner's reply.

As regards paragraphs 6 and 7 of the Comptroller's letter I have to state that it has not been possible for me in this heavy district with an enormous number of offices to inspect annually and a very large volume of work to get through, to check the stamps in detail in the District Treasury. But I have got it verified in detail by the Probationary Assistant Commissioner on 28-8-1928 and by my District Office Accountants in subsequent inspections. The stock was not checked by me in detail on the 6th April 1928 when I took charge on return from leave nor has it been checked by any other officer to whom I have handed over charge on other occasions as it takes full five hours to check the stock of stamps in the Mysore District Treasury.

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submitted to the Deputy Accountant.

Reference:- explanation re. [illegible] calculation in stamps in the District Treasury, Mysore.

Questions 1 and 2.

The stamp certificate to be furnished in part 55 of the Mysore Civil Account Code Volume II [illegible] by the Treasury, till the collection was pointed out [illegible] the October Stamp Accounts were [illegible] the first time returned to [illegible]. After this certificate [illegible] being now furnished, but [illegible] the Head Treasurer [illegible], the stock [illegible] over being checked by the Accountant [illegible] as then in detail.

The [illegible] of the Accountant in this connection enclosed for [illegible] to the [illegible] to the Govt. in circular No. [illegible]-6/Accts. dt. [illegible], by the Comptroller and to submit [illegible] the October Accounts by the [illegible] Treasurer, such certificates [illegible] being furnished.

Question 3.

Adequate [illegible] the [illegible], the [illegible] as they [illegible] are not quite [illegible] [illegible] unscrupulous [illegible] etc., [illegible] the same are not to all [illegible] to [illegible]. The exact [illegible] is detailed by me in my [illegible] [illegible] Treasurers on [illegible] by [illegible] some of the [illegible] [illegible] which were [illegible] [illegible] more simple are [illegible] [illegible] for some and the [illegible] stock system has been [illegible] [illegible] of postal stationery has been transferred to the [illegible]. [illegible] as originally needed could [illegible] be provide [illegible] [illegible], will be got [illegible] men of colours on higher [illegible] [illegible] security.

Questions 5 and 6.

The entire stock [illegible] by me in detail on 16-8-1927 and 18-1-1928. On 16-8-1927, the [illegible] of postal envelopes and cards were got down from the [illegible] [illegible] of loose packets were opened and counted by me and found to [illegible]. Again on 20-1-1928, the [illegible] was by packets as they [illegible] in the box. The other [illegible] stamps etc., were all checked by me by taking out at random certain packets and above [illegible] [illegible], while the [illegible]

Copy of letter No.C.A.C/37-[illegible] dated 4th July 1963, from the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, to the Controller to the Government of Mysore, Bangalore.

Loss of Stamps valuing Rupees, Mysore.

With reference to your letter No.1213 AAD 2 dated 20-6-1963 (and subsequent reminders) calling for a report details regarding the loss of Stamps in the Mysore Sadar Office, I have the honour to forward herewith for your information copy of my letter No.C.A.C. 37/37-38 dated 5-7-1963 to the Revenue Commissioner together with a copy of one of its enclosures and to state that the office did not retain any other copies as these enclosures were sent in original to the Revenue Commissioner without retaining copies and the office has been obtaining the copies from the Revenue Commissioner's office. To avoid further delay in sending the copy of the available enclosure and also to expedite action of the others as soon as they are received from the Revenue Commissioner's office, or if it is not convenient to you, I would suggest that you may get copies of the enclosures direct from the Revenue Commissioner's Office. I am sorry for the delay and mistake committed in my office.

Letter No.C.O.50/57-58 dated [illegible] from the Deputy Commissioner,
Surat District to the Revenue Commissioner, Baroda.

Shortage of Stamps - Surat District Treasury.

Adverting to letter No.2014/Cash. [illegible] and Controller's
letter No.1213 and 1214 dated [illegible] (in duplicate) and in confir-
mation of my letter No.C.O.50/57-58 dated [illegible], I have the honour to
put in herewith the report of the [illegible] in Surat Office [illegible] re-
garding information and explanation of the points referred to in them.

As regards paragraph 6 and 7 of the Controller's letter I have to
state that it has not been possible for me in this busy district with an
enormous number of offices to inspect personally and a very large volume of
work to get through, to check the things in detail in the District Accounts
but I have got it verified in detail by the Accountancy Assistant Con-
solidator on 20-3-1957 and by my Personal Office Accountants in order that
irregularities. The check was not carried out by me in detail as the [illegible]
which I took charge on 21-3-1957 [illegible] and it has been checked by the [illegible]
officer to this & another [illegible] of Surat and other accountants on 19.3.57 as the
five hours to check the stock of [illegible] at the Surat District Treasury.

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the vault below, for [illegible] on such occasions [illegible] keeper in the basement to [illegible] above, where the stamps [illegible]. I believe that the loss of the parcel case was occasioned possibly by all those circumstances combined. [illegible] in this treasury so that [illegible] would for the treasurer to be in charge of the stamps for the [illegible] offices and supervise [illegible] as to

The defect relative to above may be rectified as follows:-

1. For the articles kept at the open shelves in the stamp [illegible] room closed lofts should be provided.

2. The collars should be required to furnish security and the [illegible] the appointment [illegible] to [illegible] (Proposal on the subject has been [illegible] already).

3. The collar and the [illegible] with stamps should be changed every three months.

4. To facilitate [illegible] of stamps required for [illegible] may be kept apart [illegible] of stamps. The [illegible] should be taken [illegible] stock to [illegible] [illegible] stock need be counted [illegible] in the denomination [illegible] month. The [illegible] stock with the [illegible] to not coincident in [illegible] with the [illegible] for the [illegible] quantities would [illegible].

The work of [illegible] the post office which is now [illegible] this treasury may be [illegible] the Taluk treasury.

To facilitate [illegible] the beginning of the [illegible] vendors may be required to [illegible] a day previous to the day of issue.

OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER TO THE GOVERNMENT
OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

No 333 TAD B

Bangalore, dated 7th September 192 8.

From

S. SHAMANNA, Esq., B.A.,
Comptroller to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
BANGALORE.

To

The Pay and Accounts Officer,
Civil and Military Station,
Bangalore.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.P.Acc.2399 dated 17/20th August 1928, regarding the loss of stamps in the Mysore District Treasury, I have the honour to state that it is ascertained from the District Treasury Officer, Mysore, that the periodical verification certificates were based on book balances only, the stock, being checked by the Treasury Officer now and then in detail. It is stated by him that, as the detailed check of stamps takes hours together, the stock was not being checked by him monthly in detail, as he could not find the required time to do so. He adds that the entire stock of stamps was checked by him in detail on 14-9-27 and 28-1-28 and on those occasions the stock was found to agree with the Book balances.

2. I have issued circular instructions to all the Treasury officers that they should examine the stock of stamps regularly as required by rules, and that the monthly Plus and Minus Memos and the half yearly verification certificates sent to your office should be based on balances actually verified or counted by the officers responsible. A copy of the Circular (No.133 TAD Misc. dated 24-8-28) is sent herewith for your information.

3. A copy of the rules framed by the Mysore State regarding the custody, sale etc of stamps is also enclosed. Paras 54 to 68

of

of these rules deal with Postage Stamps.

4. The result of the Police enquiries has not yet been intimated to this office.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Sd. S. Thamanna,
Comptroller.

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(Copy)

A Saravanamuthu
Superintendent,
Comptrollers office
TADB

Copy of letter No.P.Acc.2399 dated 17/20th August 1928 from the Pay and Accounts Officer, Bangalore, to the Comptroller to the Government of His Highness the Maharajah of Mysore, Bangalore.

I have the honour to invite a reference to the correspondence ending with your letter No.TAD B. 1214, dated 25-5-1928 regarding the defalcation of stamps in the Mysore District Treasury and to request that you will be so good as to favour this office with a further communication on the points raised in this office letter No.P.Acc.278, dated 15-5-1928.

In this connection, I would request that you will be so good as to state whether any rules similiar to those contained in Appendix 9 of the Government of India Civil Account Code Volume II regarding the custody etc., of stamps have been framed by the Mysore Government for the use of their treasuries and if so a copy thereof may kindly be sent.

Copies of the relevant orders under which postage stamps intended for supply to the British Post Offices situated in the Mysore State are stocked in the State Treasuries may also kindly be sent. The favour of a very early compliance is requested.

" Copy "

K Saleemvasmuth
Superintendent,
T.A.D. B Section
5-9-28

Copy of letter No. P.Acc. 278 dated 15th May 1928 from the Pay and Accoun[illegible] Officer, Bangalore, to the Comptroller to the Mysore Government, Bangalore.

In continuation of this office endorsement No.P.Acc.221A dated 10th May 1928 regarding the deficiency in the postal stamps in the District Treasury, Mysore, I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of letter No.C.1978/27-28, dated 12th May 1928 from the Treasury Officer, Mysore, together with its enclosures and to request that you will be so good as to let me know as early as convenient what action you have taken or propose to take in the matter.

It may be stated whether the shortage of Rs 1,476-14-0 has been adjusted out of the security amount of the treasurer and if so, when credit for this sum will be passed on to this office through your Jamakarch Accounts.

In this connection I wish to state that the monthly plus and minus memo of stamps and the halfyearly verification certificates are the only means by which the stock of postal stationery in the Treasuries of the Mysore State can be ascertained by me. If these documents are based not on actual facts but on book balances, any deficiency in the stock of stamps in the treasuries cannot be detected in this office.

In the particular case under reference, the defisiency was detected on the 25th April 1928. But the Gollar who is stated to have been responsible for the defalcation died on the 22nd April 1928. The defalcation should therefore have taken place before the 22nd April 1928. The Gollar was presumably an old Government servant and it is just probable that the defalcation was taking place even before 31st March 1928 but remained undetected. If the verification certificate of stamps for the half year ending 31st March 1928 was based on actual counting as it purports to be, I suggest for your consideration whether the defalcation should not have been found out earlier.

I request the favour of your informing me whether you intend to take any steps to impress on the Treasury Officers of the State that the plus and minus memos and the half yearly verification certificates should represent the actual verified stock of stamps and not merely the book balances.

" Copy "

K Sreenivasmurthy
Superintendent T.A.S.

Copy of the letter No.P.Acc&220. dated 10th May 1928 from the Pay and Account Officer. Bangalore, to the ~~Comptroller, Mysore Government, Bangalore~~ Treasury Officer, Mysore.

I have the honour to invite a reference to your plus and minus memo of Stamps for April 1928 forwarded with your memo dated 9-5-1928 and to observe that a sum of Rs. 1476-14-0 has been shown therein as Deficiency found in the District Treasury" in postage stamps.

Under Article 29 of the Government of India Civil Account Code Vol.I, all defalcations or losses of stamps should immediately be reported to the Accountant General even when such loss has been made good by the person responsible for it. In this case as the loss relates to ordinary postage stamps supplied by this office, a report should have been made to this office immediately. Please state if the matter has been reported to the Comptroller in Mysore, Bangalore. If so a copy of the report sent to him or to any other superior officer of the Mysore Government may kindly be sent to me by return of post.

The full circumstances which made the defalcation possible, the further action taken in the matter, the date or dates of defalcation and information whether the loss has since been made good may also be furnished.

An immediate reply is requested.

No P Acc 221 A dated 10-5-28
Copy to the Comptroller in Mysore, Bangalore, for information and favour of necessary action.

(Copy)

H Sreenivasmurthy
Superintendent,

T.A.D. B. Section

5-9-28

was inspected by ~~one~~ an officer of the Accounts Department.

One Gollar Boria, who is reported to have been attending to the work of issuing stamps is suspected to have been the real culprit and he is now dead. His house was searched but nothing incriminating was found.

2. The Deputy Commissioner holds that the loss has occurred admittedly owing to the negligence of the Treasurer who trusted the Gollar too much and that he must pay the penalty for his negligence by making good the amount from his security Deposit. The District Treasury Officer, Mr.D.Krishne Urs states in his explanation that the loss was due not so much to lack of supervision as to ~~the plans~~ defects in the design of the Strong Room and the procedure in vogue in the Treasury of issue of stamps to Vendors and Post Offices direct from the main Store. The Revenue Commissioner while observing that the Treasury Officer is not free from blame suggests that 2/3rds of the amount defalcated be recovered from the Treasurer, that one sixth be made good by the District Treasury Officer and -- that the balance be remitted.

3 A Para 3. vide addition para. attached. (next page)

3. Having carefully considered these explanations and the recommendations made by the Rev Comm'r, ~~and the reports of~~ the Stamp Commissioner and the Comptroller, Government are pleased to pass the following orders:-

(1) One sixth of the defalcated amount should be recovered from the District Treasury Officer (Mr.D.Krishne Urs) and the balance

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Additional para to draft

3 Under the rules, the District Treasury Officer should either count or have counted in his presence stamps of all descriptions in his depot on the last day of each month and send a stock certificate to the Commissioner of Stamps. The Deputy Commissioner also should check the stock of stamps in detail at least once in each half year as well as ~~in cases of transfer.~~ when there is a transfer of charge. The Treasury Officer states that the entire stock was checked by him on the 14th September 1927 and 28th January 1928 and the stock was found to agree with the book balances on these occasions. No monthly stock certificates were being sent to the Commissioner of Stamps ~~prior to~~ until October 1927, when the omission was brought to the notice of the Treasury. The Deputy Commissioner states that, in view of the very large number of offices to be inspected annually and the large volume of work to be got through in this heavy district, it has not been possible for him to check the stamps in detail every half year or on the occasion of his assuming charge (on return from leave) on 5-4-1928, but that he got it verified in detail by the Probationary Assistant Commissioner on 28-3-1925 and by his District Office Accountants in subsequent inspections. He adds that it is not usual to check the stock of stamps whenever there is change of charge of Deputy Commissioners, as it takes full 5 hours to do this in the Mysore District Treasury.